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## CAMP BULLIS PLANS FAR ADVANCED

### 36th Memorial

(An Editorial)

"These boys should live in luxury the rest of their lives." The speaker was a prominent Texan who had just finished a tour of McCloskey Hospital at Temple where lay scores of Texans from the 36th division, wounded when they spearheaded the invasion of Europe at Salerno.

He had walked through rooms and wards where lay pitiful hulks of once strong men—Texans with arms and legs both blown off in bitter fighting; Texans doomed to live in darkness when flaming fragments of steel ripped their eyes out.

While the army is doing a splendid job in rehabilitating these men so that they may take their place in rebuilding a world shattered by war, scores of these heroes are hopelessly incapacitated.

For the rest of their lives, they must be waited on hand and foot. Unable to do even the simplest things for themselves, the years stretch out ahead of them, drab and devoid of hope.

Plans are under way to build a noble shrine for the heroes of the 36th division. The city of Temple has offered a downtown block as a site and Texas architects are arranging rules for the competition for the design of the memorial.

Let us hope that this shrine will be a shrine of service to these helpless heroes.

A towering shaft is a beautiful thing to look upon. It may stand through the ages as a tribute to the men of the 36th.

But after all, it is but a cold shaft.

Why not make this memorial to the 36th a shrine of service?

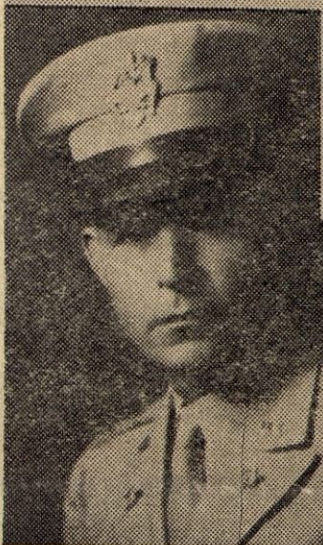
Why not erect a home for these men of valor, where for all the days that are allotted to them on this earth, they may live in the safety and comfort they have bought so dearly?

The Guardsman believes that no finer tribute to Texas heroism could be made than to show the world that Texas appreciated the terrible sacrifice these men have made.

History books in years to come will ring with the deeds of Texans in this war.

Let us hope that the footnotes will tell that we did not thrill at their heroism at the time and forget them after the newspaper headlines had faded from memory.

### ARMY LEADERS AID GUARD



### Data Sought For History Of The Guard

The Third Training and Research Unit, commanded by Major James P. Gibbons, St. Edwards University, Austin, is compiling a history of the Texas State Guard.

Major Gibbons requests that all members of the Texas State Guard contribute to this history.

If you have any data that would be pertinent, Major Gibbons asks that you send it to him at St. Edwards University.

### Carbine Becomes Good Tank-Buster

Equipped with a grenade launcher, the light-weight carbine in the hands of a soldier can stop a 30-ton tank, the War Department has revealed.

Use of the grenade launcher gives the .30-caliber, 5½-pound three-foot-long carbine the same anti-mechanized fire-power as the heavier 1903 and the M-1 Garand, which also use it. Other improvements to the carbine add to its accuracy of fire and also lessen the effects of recoil and reduce the trigger pull.

### General Davis Is Missing In Action

Brig. Gen. Davis Graves of San Antonio has been missing in action over Italy since February 8, according to an announcement by the War Department.

General Graves is the sixth American general now carried on the lists as missing. He was commander of an Army Air Forces fighter wing in the Mediterranean.

These officers of the Eighth Service Command of the Army of the United States have played a large part in the development and training of the Texas State Guard through their earnest co-operation with the Guard. Top, left to right, they are:

Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerre, Director of Security and Intelligence Division; Major General Richard Donovan, Commanding General; Col. John L. Lee, Chief Emergency Protection Section, Security and Intelligence Division.

Bottom, left to right: Col. Nicholas Szilagyi, Deputy Chief of Staff; Col. George D. Thomas, Director of Military Training; Major Julian Jones, Emergency Protection Section, Security and Intelligence Division.

### Not One V-Mail Letter Has Been Lost To Date

Out of the 200 million V-Mail letters sent overseas, not one has been lost to date, the Army and Navy postoffices announced at Washington.

This compares with the dark days of 1943 when, during the height of the submarine campaign, 30 per cent of ordinary mail was lost during a two-month period.

### What'll We Do With Hitler?

Suggestions about what to do with Hitler and Tojo after the war have ranged from exiling them like Napoleon to putting them in cages and showing them around the country.

The Guardsman would like to have the ideas of The Texas State Guard on the idea.

Make your suggestions not over 50 words.

We may not get anything of real value out of this, but we'll have a lot of fun.

### Gen. Donovan Praises Work Of Guardsmen

Praise for the Texas State Guard as an important force for preserving the internal security of the state was voiced by Major General Richard Donovan, commanding officer of the Eighth Service Command, in a letter to Adjutant General Arthur B. Knickerbocker.

General Donovan said that the guard should be kept at full strength in order to be ready to fulfill the purpose for which it was created.

The letter said further:

"Your recent visit to this Headquarters in connection with matters pertaining to the training of the State Guard of Texas is appreciated.

"I trust the conferences which were arranged were satisfactory and profitable and that a maximum of benefit to your organization may be realized as a result of these mutual discussions. It is the continuing purpose of this Headquarters to extend to you all practicable assistance in the organization and training of the State Guard within the means available to us and in keeping with Army Regulations.

"The necessity of furnishing all available manpower for combat duties serves to emphasize the obligation which the States have in the problem of internal security. It is essential that local and State authorities maintain a (See DONOVAN, Page 24)

### Field Work Will Feature Annual School

Except for definite dates and details of instruction, plans for the annual Texas State Guard camp at Camp Bullis are far advanced, according to announcement by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3 of the adjutant general's staff.

The time will be between June 15 and August 15, for a four weeks' period to be fixed upon later. A corps of full-time instructors will be assigned to the school by the Eighth Service Command.

Actual field training in the form of a field exercise will be a feature of each week's course.

More time will be devoted this year to outdoor subjects. Training films and lectures, insofar as practicable, will be out of doors.

#### Main Phases

The school will be of the university type divided into the following main phases:

(1) Basic course—for those not having had the basic course before. This course will be a modified OCS course containing most of the basic training subjects given by the War Department in the State Guard Mobilization Training Program and will be attended by non-commissioned officers who are officer candidates and by a few commissioned officers who have never previously had the basic course.

(2) The Advance Course—this will be attended by officers having had basic training and will be divided into two categories:

(a) Battalion Commanders and Battalion Staff officers' course. This will be a practical school on training in the duties incumbent on the average Texas State Guard Battalion Commander and Staff officers.

(b) The Company Officers' Course. This course will cover training in practical teaching methods and in simple tactics and will take into consideration the problems met by the Texas State Guard company officer.

#### Conference Held

Details of the school worked out at a meeting in Dallas of General Knickerbocker, Lt. Col. Geo. D. Thomas and Col. H. E. Pollock with Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan and Brig. Gen. L. F. Guerre, director of internal security, Eighth Service Command, and Col. N. Szilagyi, director of training and operations branch of the Eighth Service Command.

General Donovan told Colonel Szilagyi, "We want to do everything possible to make this year's school at Camp Bullis bigger and better than it ever has been."

General Guerre told General Knickerbocker, "We are eager to do everything we can to help."

General Donovan was high in praise of the TSG and said it was doing an excellent job for the state and nation.

Col. Joe Miller, of the internal security branch, Eighth Service Command, said that in many states it was necessary for the army to buoy up the moral of the state guard but, "the Texas State Guard is plenty aggressive."

Colonel Pollock told the conference that he could go back to England and brag on the TSG without one flaw on his conscience.

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# 33rd Service Unit Second To Be Set Up

By CHARLES ADAMS  
T/5, Service Detachment

Members of the Service Detachment, together with members of the Headquarters and Medical Detachments, 33rd Battalion, T. S. G., met at a banquet at the Marshall Hotel recently to climax the recruiting drive which enabled the 33rd's Service Detachment to become second in the state to be set up under the new table of organization. Warrants were issued, also, to the groups of new non-commissioned officers by the Commanding Officers of the three detachments. Sixty-eight men were present.

Guest speakers included Major Harris Y. Hinson, Battalion Commander; Major O. H. Bryant, T. S. G. Inspector; Capt. Louis W. Kariel, Executive Officer, 33rd Bn.; Capt. Thomas T. Taylor, Commander, Co. A, at Timpson; Capt. Newton McBride, Commander, Co. B, at Jefferson; Capt. Frank Scroggins, Commander, Co. D, at Marshall; Lt. Gen. G. P. Rains, U. S. A. (retired); First Lt. C. H. Gray, commanding an Army Transportation Unit which is training here; and Marine Parachuter Charles Kelley, Jr., back from the Pacific area.

Capt. Kariel acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the guest speakers. General Rains told Guardsmen about recruiting in World War I days. Lt. Gray highly praised the Texas State Guard, saying, "From an Army man's point of view, it is gratifying to know that some civilians are not too damned busy to give part of their time to home security."

Major Bryant announced that the 33rd Bn. was second only to the 26th Bn. at Harlingen to attain state recognition after the reshuffling of men under the recently issued table of organization.

Major Hinson, in the main address of the evening, told Guardsmen, "I have always been interested in anything military, but I have become more than interested in Texas and the Texas State Guard." Major Hinson read the "mission" of the Guard to new recruits: "You men must never allow yourselves to become influenced on either side of the issue," he said. "The job of the Texas Guardsmen is to maintain law and order in the emergency."

Guardsmen arose to their feet and applauded their commanding officer. They have already pledged their support to their Major and are behind him 100%.

Marine Parachutist Kelley told Guardsmen how it was "over there." "It is rough," he said, "all the time." "If you're running low on supplies, you're generally hungry. If it's not that, it's the insects. The Japs don't bother us much as we managed to get rid of them pretty fast."

Capt. John F. Lentz, new Commander of the Service Detachment, presented warrants to his new non-commissioned officers, as did Major C. A. Wyatt, of the Medical Detachment, and First Lt. Newman Wells of the Headquarters Detachment.

Capt. Lentz stated in a later interview that public interest in the 33rd had doubled since the new detachments were set up in Marshall. "New recruits are coming in every week and we will soon have a fine list of reserves to replace the men entering the U. S. Armed Forces." "We have no equipment to promise the men," said Capt. Lentz, "and

## Banquet Climaxes 33rd Campaign



Senior officers and speakers at 33rd Battalion banquet: From left to right are Capt. W. H. Rickles, Dental Officer, T. S. G.; 1st Lt. C. H. Grey, U. S. A. Transportation Corps; Capt. Henry F. Selcer, Chaplain 33rd Bn.; Major O. H. Bryant, State Guard Inspector; Lt. Gen. G. P. Rains (retired), former Commander T. N. G.; Capt. Louis W. Kariel, Executive Officer, 33rd Bn.; Major Harris Y. Hinson, Commanding Officer, 33rd Bn.; Major C.

A. Wyatt, Medical Officer, 33rd Bn.; Capt. Newton McBride, Commanding Co. B, 33rd Bn. at Jefferson; and Capt. John F. Lentz, Commanding Officer of the newly formed Service Detachment.

Also present at this table but not shown were Capt. Thomas J. Taylor, Commanding Officer of Co. A, 33rd Bn., at Timpson, and Capt. Frank Scoggins, Commanding Officer of Co. D, 33rd Bn., at Marshall.

also. This new move will enable closer cooperation between the two Marshall units.

Plans are being made now for

the Marshall units to have practice maneuvers together in order that both sides may gain helpful experience to be used when the entire Battalion maneuvers.

Competitive drill has already been used between the two outfits to great advantage. Each outfit strives to outdo the other in friendly competition. Result—both companies are becoming experts at close order drill.

Attendance is excellent, and interest in attendance is kept alive by advance planning. Officers make their plans for weeks ahead and non-commissioned officers meet weekly to discuss the drills for the regular weekly meeting.

Both Headquarters and Company D have their separate news columns published once a week in the Marshall paper. Advance news of what (See 33RD BATTALION, Page 5)

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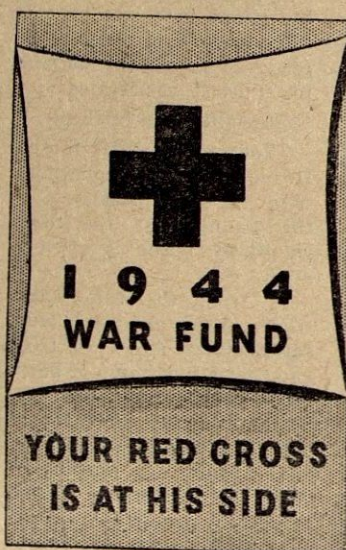
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# Texas Towns Are Planning For Post-War

Austin.—Post-war planning is rapidly "going on paper" in Texas and the Gulf Southwest, not only in the cities but in the smaller towns and communities as well, because a University of Texas economic analyst.

After a recent 1,000-mile swing throughout East Central Texas, as business consultant for the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Dr. Buechel, of the university's Bureau of Business Research, returned home cheered with the progress that is being made toward meeting post-war problems.

"Facts on the community level are being collected on a wide range of subjects," he explained. "These include natural resources, population groups, projects that can be developed upon immediately, some developed over the long-term period, others which can be initiated and carried through by individual concerns, and those requiring community cooperation and planning."

## Plans Fairly Advanced

Well-established individual firms have plans fairly advanced, while programs are also well under way in such municipal undertakings as street expansion, water and sanitary improvements, and other local public developments.

"One is impressed with the broad solid human base upon which the solution of our economic problems rests," Dr. Buechel emphasized. Leadership, moreover, is not confined to the larger population centers but exists in all local areas throughout the state."

At Kenedy, for example, he found more farmers out of debt and with money in the bank and bonds in safety deposit boxes than ever before. They are improving their farms through soil conservation and diversification methods, and will be in position to take advantage of any post-war condition that may arise.

Several small concerns have been contacted and Kenedy citizens believe at least two of them will move to Kenedy and will furnish employment to between 40 and 80 men and women each, thus absorbing some of the anticipated post-war excess farm labor.

## At Yoakum

At Yoakum, largely an agricultural community, the only one industry of any size, employing approximately 700 people, is making plans to re-employ its 150 former employees now in the armed forces. It has developed a market demand to justify considerable plant expansion as soon as materials and construction labor are available.

The city of Yoakum itself is preparing to build public works and make local improvements, including a new sewer disposal plant, street improvements, a park and recreation center and additional school facilities.

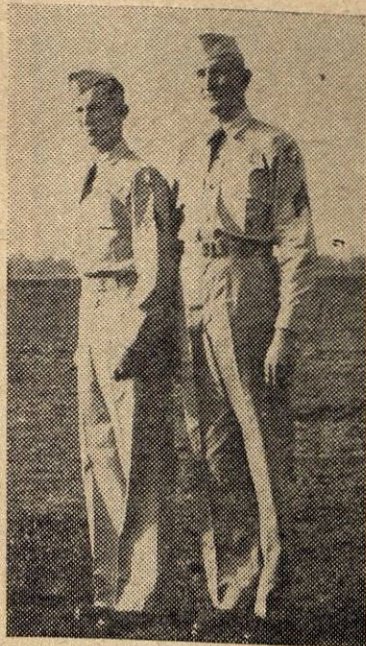
At Lufkin, industries such as a paper mill, foundries and lumber mills, have for the most part developed their own post-war plans, while continuing to boom war production.

Houston, anticipating expansion of foreign trade after the war, is going forward with fact-gathering aimed at caring for this business expansion, rather than in concentrating on retaining "war-baby" industries and drawing new ones.

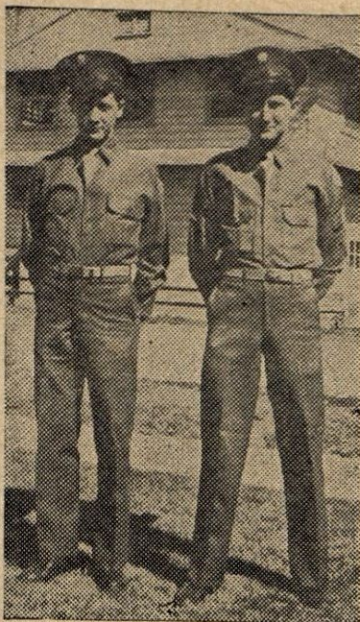
Dallas is gathering information with a view to utilization of new industries, and maintenance of as much as possible of the plant expansion built during the war.

Fort Worth has had a post-war planning committee function for a year. Specific plans are being prepared for a super-airport, a complete program of highway improvement for the entire trading area, canalization of the Trinity River from its mouth to Fort Worth, efforts to obtain reduction in freight rates, maintenance of Fort Worth's position as a livestock and packing center and replenishing the area's war-depleted breeding stock, and large water and sanitary facility extensions and other municipal improvements.

# A State Guard Family



The Jerry Foytek family of Fort Bend County is truly a Texas State Guard family. Father and son are members of the guard, and another son, who is in the regular army, is a former member. In the picture on the left is Cpl. Domin Foytik, who enlisted in Company D, 47th Bn., at Richmond on February 10, 1943. With him is his father,

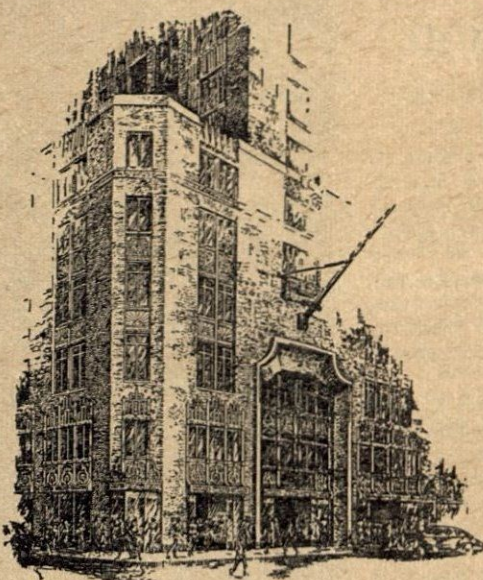


Sgt. Jerry Foytik, who enlisted in D Company on September 17, 1941. He is a veteran of World War I. In that war he was a member of the Rainbow Division and Sixth Cavalry, and served eleven months overseas.

In the picture on the right are the other two Foytik boys. At left in the picture is Pvt. Clarence Foytik of the AAF, now serving in the Hawaiian Islands. Pvt. Foytik went to the army on

December 3, 1942, and is an armament mechanic. Before join-

ing the regular army he served five months in the Texas Defense



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# Non-Coms Club Is Organized By 51st Battalion

By SGT. W. F. SCHULTZ  
Co. C, 51st Bn.

In the February Guardsman's "Gripes" column, S/Sgt. Livingston wanted to know "Why can't we of the State Guard have a non-com school where we can learn military rules and regulations and also military strategy? I, for one, would like to get to know what the duties of this business of being a soldier is all about."

The Battalion Non-Coms Club is his answer. The company non-coms school is all right, but the number of men is too small to make it worth while to prepare the proper program of training. But by taking the battalion as a whole, a sufficient number of men are available to justify considerable effort and some expense in a training program.

Despite the interference of the annual holidays, a flu epidemic, and cold rainy weather during the past winter, our 51st Battalion Non-Coms Club in Dallas has carried on in a most commendable manner. Meetings are being held every other Wednesday night, the only night on which there is no company drill, and the interest and attendance are steadily improving. The Club now meets at the Battalion Armory, thus giving it access to equipment and facilities of the entire organization.

## Successful Party

In February, a stag party was given with an attendance of nearly fifty gleamy-eyed Guardsmen. Food, drinks, games and entertainment were to a man's taste and the affair was pronounced a great success, and a nice profit added to the Club's treasury. New officers were elected as follows: Sgt. C. L. Parrish, Co. C, president; Sgt. Geo. Ainsworth, Co. C, vice-president; Sgt. W. F. Schutz, Co. C, secretary-treasurer. To stimulate membership and attendance, no dues will be assessed this quarter, a \$1 initiation fee only being collected from new members.

Programs are planned to coordinate with the training schedule of the Battalion Plans and Training Officer, thus preparing non-coms for proper leadership when company instruction and drill is conducted. Army officers, motion pictures, chalk talks, and actual demonstrations are used to instruct the members of the Club. Battalion officers also are cooperating in the work of instruction.

The Club plans to take a hand in making the Battalion headquarters and the Armory more convenient and livable by supplying some of the little things which will make the work of the Guard more efficient and enjoyable. To make chalk talks easier, a portable blackboard has been built and presented to the Battalion. Other projects proposed are a sand table, a large city map, instruction charts, etc.

## Constant Campaign

A constant campaign of advertising has been carried on in the Battalion, which is believed will gradually impress every non-com with the necessity of attending these educational meetings regularly. The following is a sample of the

## 51st Battalion Non-Coms Club



peppy notices used to keep the men's interest alive:  
*Dear Fellow NonCom:*

*Remember when you got your stripes . . . honest, now, you were just a little bit proud of them, weren't you? Maybe you showed them to your wife or admiring son, and they smiled their approval. And you weren't exactly ashamed to walk down the street wearing them, I'll bet. You sort of held your head up; after all, you know . . .*

*Well, along with that honor, there was a little catch—you accepted certain responsibilities . . . leadership . . . instructing your men in military . . . fidelity to your duty as a noncommissioned officer. Now suppose you look back over your record as a NonCom and ask yourself whether you have discharged your duties as capably, efficiently and as faithfully as you should have. Has your Captain's confidence in your ability and interest been justified?*

*To help you and every other 51st Bn. NonCom learn his duties better, our NonComs Club was organized. It has carried out its mission consistently, but with the support of only about half of the NonComs in the Battalion. We want ALL of you to benefit by this Club. Therefore the dues of fifty cents a month have been suspended for the next three months. It will now cost you only a \$1 initiation fee to join—no dues.*

*During March our 51st Bn. training program will emphasize scouting and patrolling, so our Club will study these subjects in preparation for the field work that is ahead of us. Along with these, we will have other subjects of vital importance to consider—things we must know to properly lead our men.*

*Next Wednesday night, March 8,*

*we will have special instruction in map and azimuth compass work by Operations S/Sgt. Courshon of Bn. Headquarters. If weather permits, we will pitch pup tents, following up the lecture on this subject that we had at our last meeting. "Learn to do by doing" is our motto. We meet at 8 p.m. at the Armory.*

*Come out, join the Club, get a valuable training. The war isn't over yet and we've got work to do—believe it or not. So let's get busy . . . what do you say?*

*Yours cordially,  
Sgt. C. L. Parrish, President.*

## IT MIGHT WORK

Pearl Harbor, T. H. (Delayed).—A private walked into a company office here recently, snapped smartly to attention before the commanding officer, and said, "Sir, Private . . . requests permission to speak to the first sergeant."

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# Hand-Picked Unit Studies Mob Control

By CAPT. STEWART HARKRIDER  
A crack State Headquarters Company, attached to the adjutant general's department, is in the making at Camp Mabry, Austin. The first unit of this company, already organized and highly trained in the use of gas and other anti-mob methods, is under the command of 1st Lt. Oscar P. Treadwell, a veteran member of the State Highway patrol.

Capt. Robert C. Prim, recently commissioned, after serving in the 5th battalion of the Texas State Guard, and with several years soldiering to his credit as a member of the old Texas National Guard, is the commanding officer of the company.

Plans are now under way to make the company complete by organizing an administrative section under command of Warrant Officer Charles Gamble, and later to form a signal and communications section.

Once a night each week, the men of the chemical warfare platoon assemble on the second floor of one of the large armory buildings at Camp Mabry, and receive intensive and practical instruction in the use of various kinds of gas, in addition to the fundamentals of military training.

## Col. Mason's Idea

The idea for such a unit originated with Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason of the AGO, who handled very efficiently the Texas State Guard battalions in the Beaumont trouble, and from his experience gained in that riot recognized the need for a thoroughly trained gas unit which would be available for service in any part of the state.

Hand-picked because of their former military training and because of their knowledge of mobs and how to deal with them, these specially trained men will serve as a manpower reserve to be called upon when it is necessary to supplement the guard battalions with extra strength.

These units will be available for immediate service in any city or town of Texas, and when they arrive at the scene of an emergency, they will know what to do and how to do it with the most effective means, and with the best results. The chemical warfare platoon, for example, is supplied with all kinds of tear and gas bombs, gas guns, projectiles of all types, smoke bombs, in addition to the rifles, bayonets, and other field equipment. It has a plentiful supply of "urping gas" and DM, which is strong enough to put a troublesome man out of action for several days.

## Always Available

Before a man is enlisted in the organization, he must satisfy the commanding officer that he is available at any hour of the day or night for state-wide service. "Can you go anywhere, anytime?" is the question each man must answer in the affirmative in order to become a member of the company.

A large per cent of the men who make up the chemical warfare platoon are former members of the state guard in Austin. Not only have they had guard training, but many wear service ribbons gained through enlistment in the army or Texas National Guard.

"Top-kick" of the outfit is 1st Sgt. Claude H. Townsend, one of the best men to don a Texas State Guard uniform. Another valuable member of the platoon is Sgt. Kayo Cloud, an explosive expert, crack shot and rifle instructor, and familiar with the use of gas. Other men of the outfit hold marksmanship medals.

In addition to the officers, members of the platoon are T/Sgts. Joel Cloud, Melvin Jenks, and Privates William Adams, Ernest Bouchard, David Cook, Harley Depew, William Gardner, Paul Gest, Harold Green, Charles Petmecky, Smith Reed, Clemens Staudt, Anton Werchan, Fred Norman, Orville Freeman, Floyd Herring, and Haskell Michell.

# Ready To Go, Anywhere, Anytime



Top: Parade rest! Time out for a few minutes breathing spell as the members of the gas platoon listen to a short talk by the captain on the use of the bayonet in riots.

Center: "Top-kick" Claude Townsend, left, heads the line of a group of be-ribboned veterans of former service and wars. Left to right, 1st Sgt. Townsend, Sgt. Melvin Jenks, Pvt. William Gardner, Pvt. Ernest Bouchard, and Sgt. Joel "Kayo" Cloud.

Bottom: State highway patrolman, 1st Lt. Oscar P. Treadwell, left, demonstrates the know-how of dismantling a sub-machine

gun in a jiffy to Capt. Robert Prim of the State Headquarters Company, and Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason, AGO.

## "GRASS ROOTS" INDUSTRY

University of Texas research bureaus are turning their energies to spadework for development of "grass roots" industry for Texas after the war, utilizing Texas' vast mineral and other natural resources for the manufacture of plastics, synthetic rubber, ceramics, quick-frozen goods, synthetic chemical products and others.

## 33rd Battalion—

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is to come on meeting nights urges Guardsmen to attend.

It is these various little things that has caused interest of Marshall civilians to mount with leaps and bounds. News of the 33rd goes over the city with the speed of the wireless. Citizens are continuously asking Guardsmen, "How can I get in?"

It has been the purpose of the recruiting drive to recruit only the best available men—those who were

in good physical condition and those who were mentally alert. It has also been the purpose to recruit men whose experience derived from their civic jobs would also benefit the Guard.

The Service Detachment, by following this plan, enlisted an excellent cook in Staff Sgt. William E. Satterwhite. Also public photographer E. U. Holder, a private in the Guard, takes excellent action shots of the Guardsmen, at almost every drill. Ammunition Sgt. John E. McAllister is a member of the National Rifle Association and is a crack shot.

Generally speaking, every man in the Service Detachment is an expert of one fashion or another. It is rumored that there is even an expert "crapshooter" among those enlisted, although he has not, as yet, been located.

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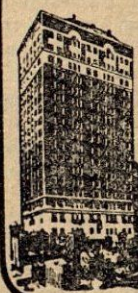
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# The Boggy Road That Led To San Jacinto

## Travis' Final Appeal From Alamo Too Late

(This is the first of two articles written by an officer of the Texas State Guard relating the events which preceded the battle of San Jacinto. The concluding article will be printed next month.—The Editors.)

By CAPT. HOBART HUSON  
S-1, 21st Bn. T. S. G.

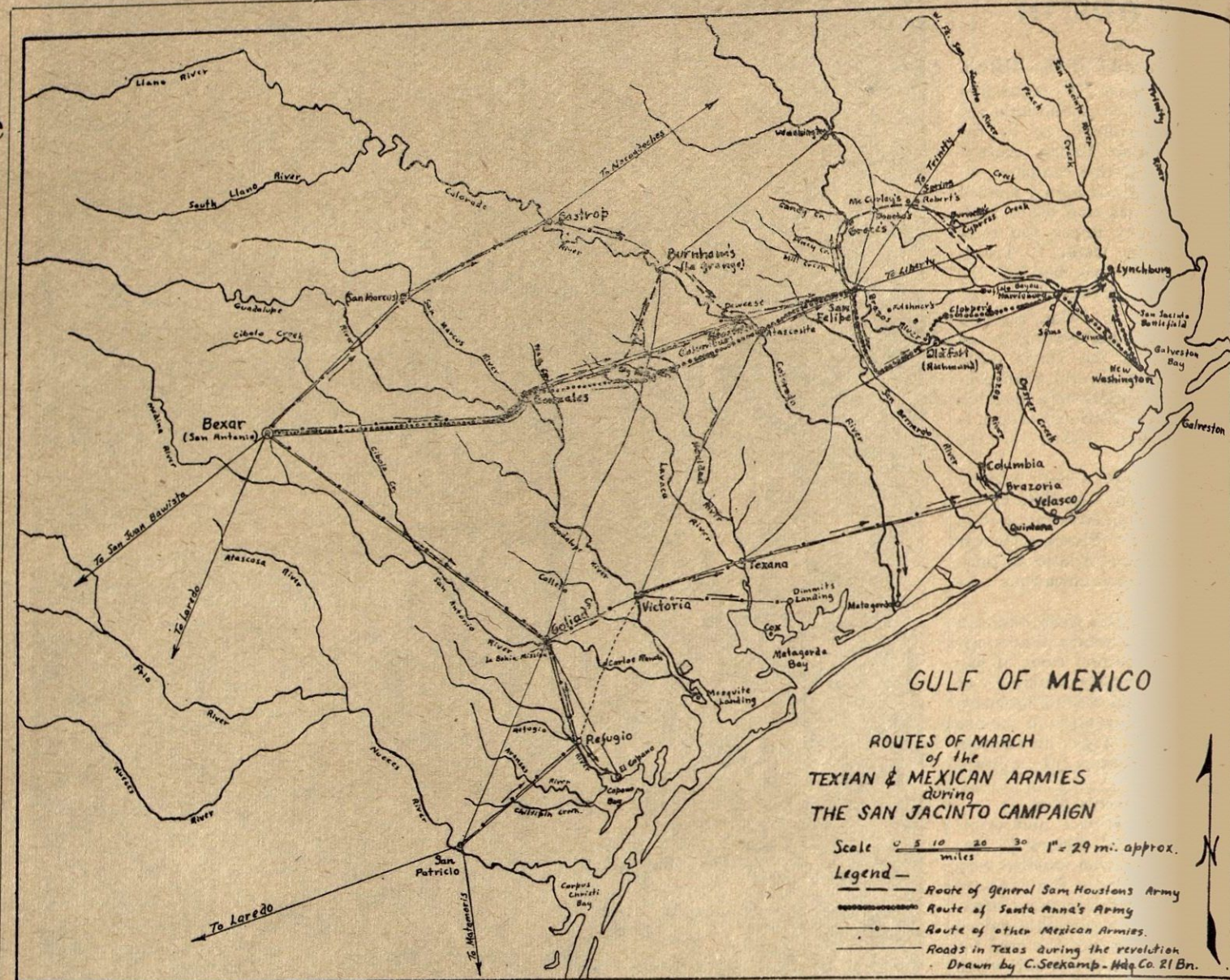
Colonel Travis' last appeal for help reached Washington-on-the-Brazos at breakfast time, March 6, 1836. The Alamo had fallen that morning, but the delegates at Washington had no means of knowing it. Within a few hours after receipt of Travis' message, General Sam Houston and his adjutant, Colonel George W. Hockley, set out for Gonzales, where what was left of the Texian regular army was encamped. The commander-in-chief arrived at Gonzales at about four o'clock in the afternoon of the 11th. His first inquiry was for word of the garrison at the Alamo. Though Gonzales was but 80 miles from Bexar, it was still ignorant of the Alamo's fate. A Mexican had entered town, claiming he had left the Alamo the morning of the 6th and that Travis' command was exterminated. The story was thought probable as Travis' signal guns had not been heard since the 6th.

Houston sent out a scouting party in which were Captains Henry Wax Karnes, Erastus (Deaf) Smith and Robert Eden Handy, to approach as close as possible to Bexar and learn the facts. Until definite information could be obtained, Houston waited at Gonzales. On March 11, he ordered Fannin to abandon Goliad and fall back to the Colorado. On the 12th he ordered Captain Dimmit to bring his company to Gonzales.

### Only 374 Men

Houston found that the army which he had come to command consisted of only 374 men under Captain Mosely Baker. With the fortitude which characterized his course during the subsequent campaign, the general immediately proceeded to mold these undisciplined troops into a military organization. A regiment was formed with General Edward Burleson as its colonel. It was designated the First Regiment of Texas Volunteers. A month and ten days later, at San Jacinto, Houston commanded an army of 1350 organized and disciplined men. This remarkable feat was achieved while on a long and arduous retreat.

Definite news of the fate of the Alamo came on the 13th when Houston's scouts encountered the widow of Lieutenant Dickinson and some servants about 20 miles from Gonzales. Santa Anna had allowed them to depart from the Alamo. Mrs. Dickinson further advised that a Mexican army of about 750 men was then on its way to Gonzales; that she had passed it at the Cibola. Karnes' party sent the refugees in to Gonzales, where their



arrival caused a panic. The scouts continued towards Bexar to reconnoiter the enemy.

### Acted Promptly

Houston acted with promptitude upon receipt of the information. With the superior Mexican army but two days march away he resolved to keep a safe distance between it and his own. Orders were given at 9 p. m. to prepare for an immediate retreat. The artillery was sunk into the Guadalupe, and some of the military stores were destroyed, so as not to impede a rapid march. Before midnight of the 13th the little Texian army, now numbering slightly over 400, evacuated Gonzales and headed for the Colorado. Early the next morning all caches of ammunition which had been left were blown up, and the town itself was burned.

The Texian army marched throughout the night of the 13th, finally halting for rest at daylight on the 14th at McClure's, on Peach Creek, about 11 miles east of Gonzales. The exhausted men threw themselves on the ground and slept on their arms. Here the army was reinforced by a local company. After good sunrise the army re-

This map, drawn by C. See Kamp, Headquarters Co., 21st Battalion, Texas State Guard, shows the routes taken by the Mexican and Texian armies preceding the decisive battle at San Jacinto.

There is one error in the map. Mesquite Landing should be on the west side of the Guadalupe, just below the forks of the Guadalupe and San Antonio rivers. Mesquite Landing has nothing to do with the story but is noted on the map in order to preserve history.

sumed its march. Houston and his adjutant surveyed it as it moved out. The column seemed to them to be but "a speck on the vast prairie." Turning to his adjutant Houston remarked, "Hockley, there is the last hope of Texas."

Sunset found the army at Daniel's, on the Lavaca, where it halted for the night. The army was up before the sun and on its way. A halt was made at Rocky Creek. The Navidad was reached about one o'clock on the afternoon of the 15th. The tired men rested until next morning. At this point reinforce-

ments from the Brazos arrived. Houston sent to Brazoria for artillery and munitions, and ordered all troops in that area to join the main army on the Colorado.

### Navidad Reached

The Navidad was reached at one o'clock on the 15th. So far the Texians had followed the principal road from Bexar to San Felipe which crossed the Colorado at Beason's. The army stayed overnight at the Navidad, reaching its march the morning of the 16th. After leaving the Navidad, Houston ordered the column to turn off to the left on the little used old La Bahia road, which led to Burnham's, on the Colorado, near present La Grange. Moseley Baker afterwards denounced his general for this movement. "You crossed the Colorado fifteen miles above the great crossing at Beason's; taking a solitary and unusual route, one certainly which the enemy would not

think of taking, and which they did not take."

The army reached the west side of the Colorado opposite Burnham's at 4:30 o'clock the afternoon of the 17th. It now numbered 600.

The rear guard came up with refugee families on the 18th, and the families were immediately

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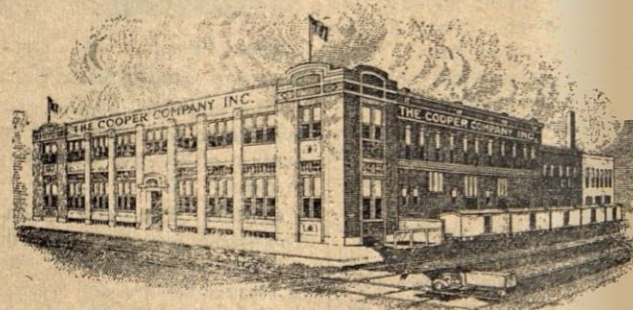
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# Merit Badges Awarded Unit At Beaumont

Troops of the 18th Battalion who last June earned their "spurs" by combatting heat, fatigue and in some cases hunger, were given their reward in Beaumont on the night of March 3, 1944, when 200 of "Beaumont's Best" were awarded Texas National Guard meritorious service badges.

The 18th was the first unit to be called to service on that memorable night of June 15 when George W. Gary, then acting mayor of the city, called the lieutenant governor and asked that state guard troops be placed on duty. The acting mayor, also a first lieutenant in Co. B of the 18th, received the official O. K. and then turned into a military man.

The city jail had been besieged and overrun by a mob of men who were intent on removing a negro from custody after it had been rumored that a white woman had been criminally assaulted.

At midnight, the 18th, moved into positions around the city jail, city hall, Jefferson County courthouse and into other advantageous spots in and around the city.

Without relief the battalion stood its place—hungry, sleepy and tired—until 7:30 p.m. the following Wednesday when troops of the Port Arthur battalions became a welcome sight as their convoys swept into the city.

## Other Battalions Arrive

That night battalions from Houston, the Tri-Cities and Deep East Texas moved in and took part in the job. The troops remained on duty until the following Sunday when the martial law period was suspended and civil authorities again resumed operation of the city.

Beaumont is justly proud of its 18th Battalion and city officials have proudly stated "that the Guard saved the day in Beaumont." It was for those days in the burning sun and upon the blistering pavement that those 200 men fell into a battalion front on March 3 and proudly accepted their medals and accompanying bars.

Their thoughts went back to the previous June and many chests were extended a bit further than usual and little incidents arose to bring chatter to the group.

## Officers Present

Present at the ceremony in which the medals were given the 18th Battalion troopers were Lieut. Col. George D. Thomas of the adjutant general's office and dapper Lieut. Col. H. E. Pollock, DSO, Royal Scot Fusiliers of the British army, who has played a large part in training the Texas State Guard.

The two lieutenant colonels, along with Maj. Fred C. Stone, commanding officer of the 18th, and other Guard officers, comprised the official party.

As the party neared each of the companies, A, B, C and D, the troops would come to a neat attention. Then each of the troopers would give his rank and outfit. To each man, Lieut. Col. Thomas had a word of praise.

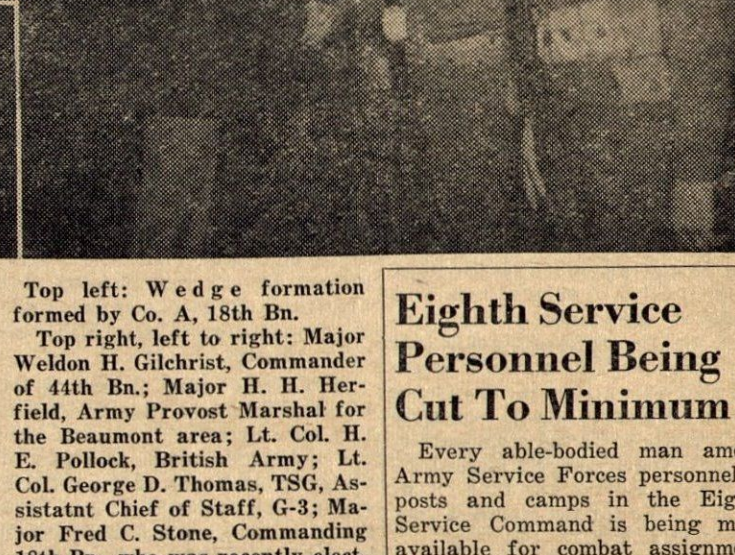
"Troops of the Texas State Guard are playing a huge part on the homefront," Lieut. Col. Thomas told the assemblage. "You are guaranteeing to the men in foreign service the same kind of homes and life they had when they left to serve on foreign shores and on the seven seas."

"The poet had it right when he said, 'We serve who only stand and wait.' You men are serving, although it seems to you that you are only standing and waiting. You are standing, all right, standing ready for any emergency which might arise, and waiting for the opportunity to serve again."

The dapper British army officer whose lengthy stride was the subject of much comment from the 18th Battalion's "walkers" was the next speaker and what he had to say made the 18th rise to the heights.

"I have observed many battalions of state guardsmen," said Lieut. Col. Pollock, "and many of them

# Beaumont Battalion Passes In Review



Top left: Wedge formation formed by Co. A, 18th Bn.

Top right, left to right: Major Weldon H. Gilchrist, Commander of 44th Bn.; Major H. H. Herfield, Army Provost Marshal for the Beaumont area; Lt. Col. H. E. Pollock, British Army; Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, TSG, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3; Major Fred C. Stone, Commanding 18th Bn., who was recently elected Mayor of the City of Beaumont; Lt. Ottis Allen, Co. A, 18th Bn.; Capt. Lee O. Smith.

Center left: Passing in review, left to right: Major Weldon H. Gilchrist, Commander of 44th Bn.; Major H. H. Herfield, Army Provost Marshal for the Beaumont area; Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, TSG, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3; Col. H. E. Pollock; Major Fred C. Stone, Commanding 18th Bn., Beaumont.

Center right, left to right: Capt. Lee O. Smith, assisting Lt. Col. George E. Thomas, Adjutant General Department, congratulating Private First Class R. S. Rollins of Co. B.

Lower left, left to right: Capt. Leo Smith, Executive Officer, 18th Bn.; Major George W. Bowes, former Commander of the 18th Bn.; Capt. Ed Steadman, plans and training, 18th Bn.

## Eighth Service Personnel Being Cut To Minimum

Every able-bodied man among Army Service Forces personnel in posts and camps in the Eighth Service Command is being made available for combat assignment, Major General Richard Donovan, commanding, has announced.

Many soldiers already have been moved from station complement duties within the Eighth Service Command and reduction of personnel to the absolute minimum will be accomplished by the end of June, General Donovan said.

Essential jobs at all posts are being filled by civilians, members of the Woman's Army Corps and men physically unfit for overseas service. This relieves the physically qualified men for duty overseas or for transfer to combat units.

## Texas Lieutenant Credited With Winning Bloody Battle Of Tarawa

"It's not often that you can credit a first lieutenant with winning a battle, but Hawkins came as near to it as any man could."

The speaker was a high ranking marine officer. He talked as he stood amid the welter of blood that was the battle of Tarawa. He spoke of Lt. Dean Hawkins, fighting Texan from El Paso.

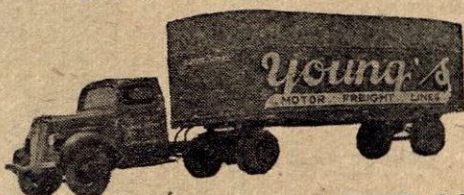
Robert Sherrod, Life Magazine writer, tells of the epic of courage in his book "Tarawa," bloodiest and toughest battle the marines have fought in a long and bloody history.

"He cleaned out six machine gun nests, with two to six Japs in each nest," an officer reported about Hawkins. "I'll never forget the picture of him standing on that amp track, riding around with a million bullets a minute whistling by his ears, just shooting Japs. I never saw such a man in my life."

were good looking. I had heard of the 18th and its prowess but I didn't believe all I heard.

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## Inter-Battalion Rifle Match Held

Capt. W. B. Scrimgeour, Plans and Training Officer, 49th Battalion, recently announced completion of the second intra-battalion rifle match. In addition plans for a new shoot in which both officers and men of the battalion units will compete during the coming months. Since early in 1943 it has been a regular part of the training in the 49th Battalion for the men to compete on the rifle range.

Company C of Seabrook, Capt. Rex. Brewer commanding, is the winner of the February shoot and thereby becomes the permanent possessor of the second Battalion Cup to be awarded in the rifle matches since this was the third month that Company C men had been declared highest among the units of the Battalion.

The first intra-battalion rifle competition, held early in 1943, was won by Company A of Galveston, which became permanent possessor of the first Battalion Cup to be awarded.

The most recent plan of the shoot and the course fired is as follows: each man present on the drill night on which the unit fires for the record fires a course of five rounds standing, five rounds kneeling or sitting and five rounds prone, using .22 calibre rifles at 50 feet. This course enables all units to utilize ranges indoors. The total score for the unit is determined by adding the individual scores of all men firing and dividing the total by the number of enlisted men competing, or the number of men indicated on the form 10, whichever is the larger. This makes it essential that every man in attendance gets a chance to shoot, but more importantly gives the advantage to the unit which has the highest attendance record at the time of the shoot. Firing for the record is done once each month.

## General Lists Things We're Fighting For

Lt. Gen. Brehon Somerville, commanding general, army service forces, lists the things he believes the nation is fighting for:

"We fight for simple things, for the little things that are all-important. We fight for the right to lock our house doors and be sure that no bully with official sanction will break the lock.

"We fight for town meetings, for the soapbox in the public square, for the high school debating team, for open doors to cathedral and church and synagogue.

"We fight for the country editor and for the metropolitan daily and for the editor's right to say the wrong thing if he thinks it's right.

"We fight for the right to organize for any decent purpose; for labor; for employers; for the grange and the legion and the ladies literary club and for lodge meetings in full regalia on Tuesday nights.

"We fight for our candidate for sheriff and for the other fellow's candidate for the right to be sorry we elected him and to say so.

"We fight for free radio, for the right to listen to what we want to and to turn off what we don't want.

"We fight for the high privilege of throwing pop bottles at the umpire."

## 5th Honors Major Betts,



Chilly winds blowing across the parade grounds at Camp Mabry on the night of March 7 failed to dampen the enthusiasm of Texas State guardsmen, and the largest turnout of the year greeted Maj. Charles O. Betts on his last night as commander of the fifth battalion, Austin.

Men of Company A showed the result of intensive training by putting on a show in the use of tear gas and smoke bombs as a part of the program honoring the retiring major. Companies B, C, and D of the battalion gave a demonstration in tent pitching, and stretched their shelter halves with the speed and experience of veteran soldiers.

Following the inspection of the pitched tents by Maj. Betts and his staff, the battalion assembled in the barracks of Company B, and Maj. Betts in a short talk to the men, turned the command of the battalion over to his executive officer, Capt. Weldon M. Swenson. Capt. Swenson was promoted to major and made battalion commander a few days after the ceremony.

"Performance of you men on the field and your military bearing

"Private" Charles O. Betts of the army pins the gold leaves of a major on the new commanding officer of the 5th battalion, Weldon M. Swenson of Austin.

show the result of careful training in the Texas State Guard, and I know that today you are better prepared than ever to discharge your duties in the state military force," stated Maj. Betts.

Maj. Swenson is the third battalion commander for the fifth battalion. The first was William J. Lawson, then secretary of state. He was succeeded as battalion commander by Charles O. Betts, judge Travis county court-at-law.

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## Texans Couldn't Afford To Lose But One War

Leonard Lyons, famed New York columnist, tells this of Robert Sherrod, war correspondent and author, who wrote the electrifying book "Tarawa," remarked that everywhere he went in many battlefield assignments, he ran into Texans.

He discussed this with Maury Maverick, former mayor of San Antonio, and now head of the Smaller War Plants Corporation.

Well, down in Texas," Maverick told him, "we figured like this. We lost the Civil War and we decided we certainly couldn't afford to lose another one."

## 36th Sergeant Invents New Game—"Washers"

The War Department tells of a new game, known as "Washers," which was developed and is being played with enthusiasm by artillerymen of the 36th Division between jobs on the Italian front.

Created by Staff Sgt. Julius A. Goufal of Temple, to break monotony, the game is a combination of golf and horseshoes. Metal washers from empty ammunition crates and two lids from shell cases are the only equipment.

The lids are buried in the ground in golf links, hole-fashion, about 30 feet apart. Two 2-man teams, as in horseshoes, play the game, each pitching five washers at the lids. Game score is 21 with holes-

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# Three Valley Units Stage Crack Review

By SGT. MYNATT SMITH  
Service Detachment, 31st Bn.

The Rio Grande Valley's three battalions of the Texas State Guard were massed for the first time this year on the Weslaco High School athletic field the night of February 29, when 1,200 officers and men of the 31st, 26th and 24th Battalions passed in review before Lt. Col. Hugh A. Pollock, D. S. O., Royal Scots Fusiliers, of the British Army staff at Washington.

The colonel was accompanied by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, plans and training officer for the Guard at Austin headquarters.

The review was a colorful one and lasted for approximately three hours.

Major James R. Taylor of Mercedes, commanding the 26th Battalion, served as acting regimental commander for the evening.

The three battalions arrived at the Weslaco field beginning at about 8 o'clock. Many of the men traveled in their own cars, while some of the troops were moved in large buses provided by the Harlingen Army Air Field. Army posts at Fort Brown, Brownsville, and Fort Ringgold, Rio Grande City, also assisted in getting the men to the event.

The regimental review was the first program of its size to be staged in the Valley since the regimental field maneuver of the three battalions at Harlingen last June.

**Formal Salute**

On orders from Major Taylor, the battalions moved onto the athletic field in full regimental formation with the 31st Battalion on the right, the 26th in the center and the 24th on the left. Commanding officers and their staff members were drawn up in front of their battalions, and the entire group, moving center and front, paid the formal salute to Colonels Pollock and Thomas at the reviewing stand.

The parade past the officers then got under way, with the Harlingen Army Air Field Band playing martial music for the event. The band also been presented to the colonel prior to the review.

It took approximately 30 minutes for the men to circle the field and pass before Colonel Pollock.

Then the formation broke up and hundreds of civilian troops filed to the big grandstand, with Colonel Thomas introducing Colonel Pollock at the microphone.

Colonel Pollock, short and wiry and plainly impressed by the gathering of State Guards at the southern tip of the state, told the men:

"This is as fine a ceremonial parade as I've seen in these United States."

Then he traced briefly for them the organization of the British Home Guard with barely a mention of Dunkerque, from which he returned to set up the first training camp for Home Guard officers in Britain, and explained how vital it was to Britain's safety that the Home Guard there had proved.

The colonel said there may be some who feel that, with the war going well for the Allies, the folks at home can afford to relax.

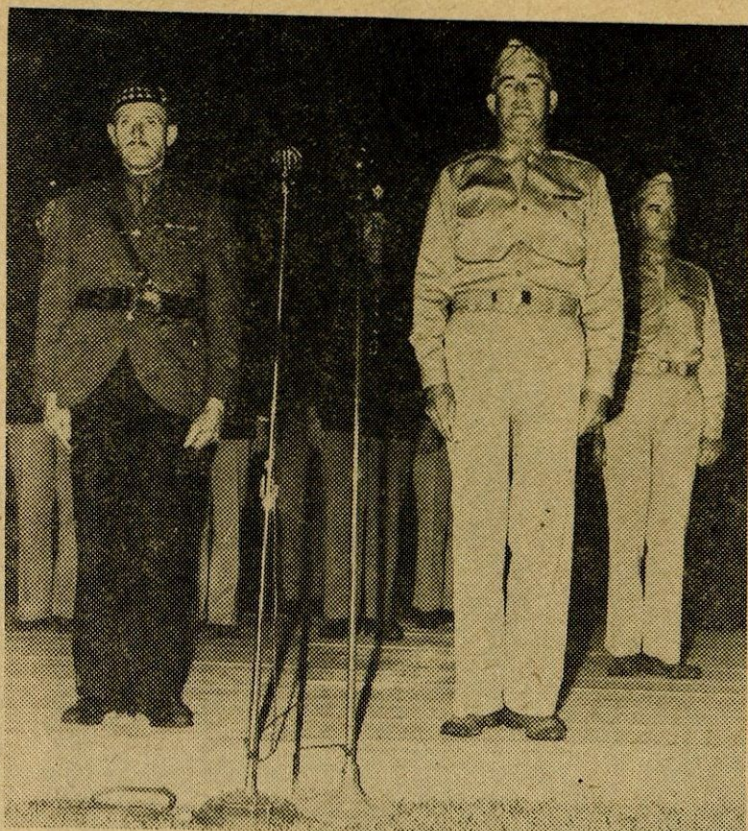
"The crisis is never past so long as the war is in being," he declared. "The British Home Guard may yet have to pass its ordeal." He said a German counter-attack against Britain is almost certain—or at least is fully expected by the British—if and when the Allies strike across the narrow channel toward France.

"Don't relax in any of your training," he appealed, "until this war is over. And you may even have to serve for a time after the war."

Following the colonel's address, the troops enjoyed coffee and cigarettes provided by men of the Weslaco company of the 26th.

Commanding the regiment and the battalions were Major Taylor of the regiment and the 26th, Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission of the 31st, and Capt. D. R. Briggs, acting commander of the 24th in the place

## Review Valley Guardsmen



of Maj. Isadore Dorfman of Brownsville.

Joining Colonel Pollock on the reviewing stand at one time during the ceremonies were Colonel George of Austin, Lt. Col. H. M. Nelson of the Harlingen field, Major Taylor, Major Bentsen, Capt. William C. Hale, Capt. Roy Conway of Mission, Capt. G. A. Helland of the Harlingen field, Capt. James F. Ewers of Mission, Capt. Bob Kirkpatrick of Mercedes, and Lt. Rudy L. Nordmeyer of Mission.

### EFFICIENCY CONTEST

Company F of Edinburg, 31st Battalion, TSG, has an efficiency contest under way.

All members of the company are eligible, and they are competing for an imposing array of prizes, chief of which is an Indian Gurkha knife donated to the company by a friend of Capt. Clayton Baird, commanding officer. The friend is in the service and suggested the contest.

In addition, three \$25 war bonds are being offered as awards, and other prizes are to be added in the near future.

Details of the efficiency contest will be announced soon.

Company F has also been the locale of a spirited marksmanship contest, with five men tied for the lead thus far. They are Pvt. Manuel Balli, Cpl. Charles Schroeder, Pvt. Earl Braden, Pvt. Otis Robinson and S. Sgt. T. E. Jaspersen. Others taking part in the shoots have been H. O. Robinson, M. Smith, Terry Jaspersen, Jr., H. H. Meeker, Orville Guffy, John Martin, Eugene Gonzales and C. W. Bowers, Jr.

Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission, commanding the 31st Battalion, recently visited the company and stressed again the importance of keeping the unit up to strength.

### OVERNIGHT BIVOUAC

Company A, Mission, of the 31st Battalion, carried out its long-planned overnight bivouac late in February and, in spite of a cold wind and rain, Capt. Lonnie E. Reed and his men pursued the planned program on schedule.

The men found their newly arrived shelter halves came in for excellent use during the cold night. The company had planned to con-

duct divine services during the morning, but due to the weather no minister was invited.

Drills with the tommygun were included in the activities and a number of field programs were undertaken.

Sgt. Ben Williams, in charge of the mess, was the most popular man on the field when he and his crew dished up a noon meal of fine meat and accessories. He had been promising the special feed for some time and the men were thoroughly impressed by it. The mess section will soon be supplied with an official mess tent, by the way.

The company used its new officers' tent for the first time on the bivouac.

During January, announces Captain Reed, 24 men of Company A had perfect attendance records. They were Captain Reed, 1st Lt. Leland A. Smith, 2nd Lt. Carroll D. Lyons, 1st Sgt. William Triplett,

## M. P. Doesn't Dare To Lift Veil So Doughboys Use 'Em

There seems to be no limit on the ingenuity of our men overseas, according to reports coming back. Take the Middle East, where women wear veils up to their eyes. No MP dare lift an Arab lady's veil—it might start a war. So some of the short boys drape themselves in sheets, remove shoes and socks and walk into restricted zones after curfew. The MP's know it, but don't dare lift the veils, even when they feel almost sure one of the boys is under it. Merchant ships landing in Arab ports sometimes depart without a sheet on their beds, because natives pay 10 to 12 dollars apiece for them.

S/Sgts. Edwin Balthorpe, Leslie Morgan, Arthur P. Wright, John Wycoff, Sgts. Edwin Schmidt, Albert H. Wicks, Admiral (cq) D. Williams, Cpls. Medardo P. Chappapa and George F. Hughes, Pfc. Leon H. Brown, Pfc. Albert Hood, Pfc. Oscar L. Stowe, Pvts. Paul C. Avery, George H. Carter, Adan Contreras, William W. Davis, Noe Garza, Abundio Perez, Juan de Dios Salinas, Robert H. Wicks.

### "INSURANCE PLAN"

Company B, McAllen, of the 31st Battalion has provided the armed forces with two more men, each of them trained basically for army service and ready to step into uniform with more know-how than the average recruit. The two entries on the company's honor roll are Pvt. Jose Casas and Pvt. John Rakestraw, both of whom have received honorable discharges.

S. Sgt. Edgar Martin, official scribe of Company B, relates this incident:

We tried to sell a worthwhile citizen some insurance called "The Texas State Guard," which is a participating policy, with mutual benefits for all. Actually it is a retirement plan too, in that it lets a man go to bed at night, with the assurance that he is having, at least, a little part in the war effort. The premiums are extremely low in cost, amounting to only 2 hours weekly. While it won't pay for your child's education, it makes an

## Officers Says Nazis Treat Prisoners Well

In treatment of war prisoners, Germany is living up the Geneva convention, Hugo Cedergren, associate director of the World Young Men's Christian Association, declares after a visit to a number of camps in which Americans are housed.

Cedergren said that the men are receiving adequate food, although in the officers' camps they rely largely on Red Cross packages. An average of a parcel a week comes in for each man, and the packages are so satisfying that the officers have requested that the Germans limit the food supplied to bread, potatoes and hot water.

education possible by protecting American institutions. Likewise, the returns are incalculable in case of fire or disorder, not to mention sickness and accident. Best of all, it is a preventative which, when applied locally bears hidden interest every day. That is its most valuable aspect, as it serves in the plane of straight life.

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# Co. D, 33rd, Routs Foe At Court House

The Marshall fire department had a quiet night Monday, March 6, but it's a wonder they didn't get hundreds of calls to put out a large fire at the Harrison county court house.

Anyone within five or six blocks of the square could look up and see white smoke seemingly pouring out of the building. It was easy for dismayed residents to imagine the records of a hundred years going up in that white smoke. Some even had visions of getting a new court house.

The rush up to see the fire was pretty general.

Then the taxpayers breathed a great sigh of relief. There was no fire at all. It was Company D, Texas State Guard, putting on its first screening smoke maneuver, which everyone agreed turned out thoroughly successful.

## Part of Training

As part of its regular training schedule, the battalion staff assigned Captain Frank M. Scroggins the task of routing a mythical enemy who had firmly entrenched himself in the county court house. Captain Scroggins surveyed the situation, reconnoitered, and mapped his strategy accordingly. First Lt. Leonard E. Clark and a picked chemical squad, under cover by a couple of tommygunners, set the HC smoke pots in the most advantageous positions to take advantage of a stiff north wind that was too strong to enable the laying of a perfect screen. However, the five pots used generated a dense white cloud which swirled about and completely obliterated the court house.

When the screen was thickest, 2nd Lt. Harry Parker and three squads launched simultaneous attacks on the building from three points, covering all doorways and windows and tossing in dummy grenades. Sharpshooters were spaced at intervals around the square to pick off any of the enemy who decided the building had become untenable and sought to escape.

## Officers Turn Out

Viewing the operations were virtually all officers of the State Guard units of Marshall and most of their personnel. Headquarters Company and the Medical and Service units were out in full gear but did not participate in the problem. These units assisted city police in routing traffic around the dense pall of white smoke which completely shrouded most of the public square.

Upon conclusion of the problem a short critique by officers and men pronounced it entirely successful and creditable to those participating.

Some of the officers witnessing the demonstration were Maj. C. A. Wyatt, commanding the Medical unit; Capt. L. W. Kariel, adjutant; Chaplain (Captain) Henry F. Selcer, 1st Lt. Newman Wells, 1st Lt. Joe Woods, 1st Lt. A. C. Johnson, 2nd Lt. Martin Hirsch.

Blondie: "I'm going on a picnic with a private. What do you think I should take?"

Friend: "Care, sister, care!"

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# Guard Lays Smoke Screen At Marshall



Top: Sgt. Clifton Daniels, center, Pfc. Charles Peteet, left, and T-5 Thurman Clements stand guard while their buddies disappear into a dense HC smoke

screen to rout a mythical enemy from the Harrison county court house during a night maneuver in Marshall Monday night, March 6.

Bottom: Meaning business, two Company D (Marshall) State Guardsmen, Cpl. Eulys Brown, left, and Cpl. Fred A. Berning, right, charge into HC smoke.

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## RECORD REGISTRATION

New students — freshmen transfers — at the University of Texas are at an all-time high in mid-year registration. More than 900 entered the University for the first time this spring.

## MINERAL RESOURCES

There's not a county in Texas that doesn't have one or more mineral resources that could and should be developed commercially, declares Dr. E. H. Sellards, director of the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology.

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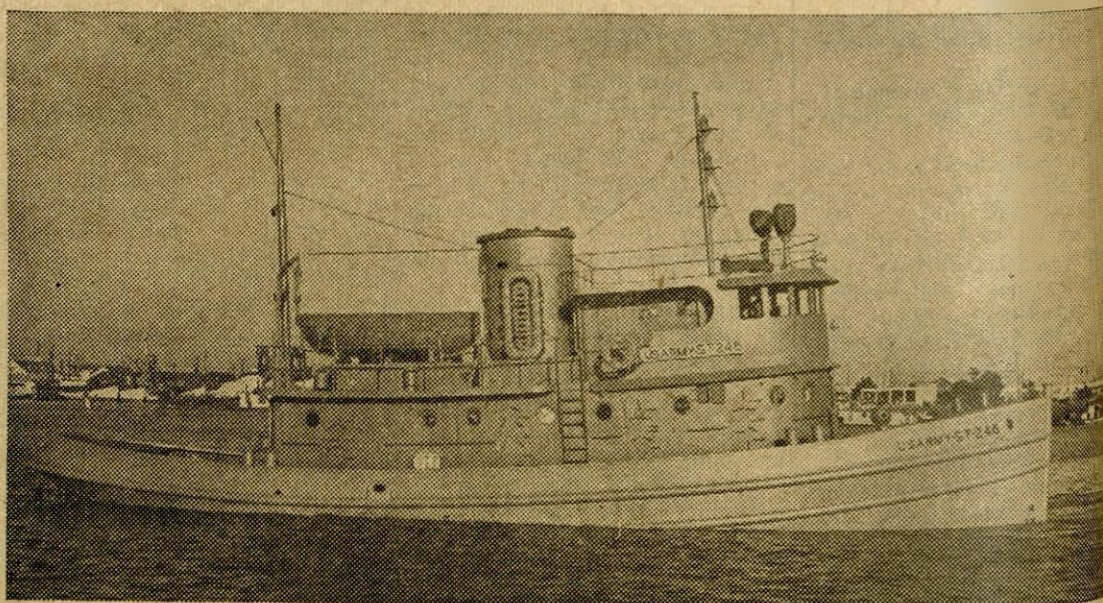
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### 36th Battalion Has Fine Drill Ground

The 36th Battalion, at San Antonio, is favored with one of the finest drilling grounds in the state. A full city block in area—and a large block at that—it is paved throughout, landscaped with narrow borders of flowers, shrubs and trees, it is bounded on three sides by city streets. Approximately one-half of the fourth side flanks the rear entrance to the Sears-Roebuck Company's parking area. From the top of two dozen towering standards nearly 150 high-power flood lights turn night into day. This area, together with lights and water, are donated by Sears-Roebuck to the 36th.

The entire battalion can hold close order drill by either squads, platoons or companies without crowding. Two companies can hold extended order drill while the other two use two of the bounding streets for wedge formations and diagonals. Its location, four blocks from the battalion armory, over streets where night traffic is seldom heavy, make for convenience. Another feature, installed by the Sears-Roebuck Company is an outside plug for the use of the battalion's public address system.

Frequently service men from Fort Sam Houston, Dodd Field, Duncan Field or Kelly Field sometimes stop to scoff and stay to marvel at the training of the "Home Guard." Officers of the regular army bemoan the fact that such interest and ambition to learn is lacking in their own outfits and non-coms won't believe that "civilians" can attain such a degree of proficiency with so few disconnected hours of drill.

One of the most popular weekly features of drill of the 36th Battalion is the Battalion Parade, which closes each weekly Tuesday night drill period.

Normally the troops march back to the armory as they move off the lot from parade, but on special nights they move around to the far side of the area, form line of company masses and advance to a position to five yards in from the Battalion Commander. In this formation they can be addressed by the Major or his visitors.

All this is an effective morale builder in the battalion. From the Major down the 36th Battalion is proud of its drill area and of the work they have done there. It is hoped that any out of town guardsmen, visiting in San Antonio, will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the Battalion and see just how convenient, how comfortable, how effective our drill area really is.

### Strictly GI

Here I sit on my GI bed,  
With my GI hat pon my head.  
My GI pants, my GI shoes;  
All is free, nothing to lose.  
GI razor, GI comb—  
GI wish that I were home.  
They've issued me everything I need,  
Paper to write on, books to read.  
My belt, my socks, my GI tie,  
All are free, nothing to buy.  
They issue me food that makes me grow—  
GI wish I were on furlough.  
I eat my food from a GI plate,  
And buy my needs at a GI rate.  
It's GI this and GI that,  
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Co. B, 4th Bn.	El Paso	95
Co. A, 14th Bn.	Amarillo	94
Co. C, 19th Bn.	Dallas	94
Co. A, 6th Bn.	Lampasas	93
Co. E, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi	93
Co. C, 34th Bn.	Crane	92
Co. D, 18th Bn.	China	90
Co. G, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi	89
Hqs., 39th Bn.	Lubbock	88
Co. E, 45th Bn.	Lockhart	88
Ser. Det., 6th Bn.	Florence	86
Co. C, 35th Bn.	Dallas	86
Hqs., 51st Bn.	Dallas	85
Co. C, 26th Bn.	Mercedes	83
Co. A, 24th Bn.	Brownsville	82
Co. D, 35th Bn.	Dallas	82
Co. D, 7th Bn.	Houston	81
Co. C, 38th Bn.	San Diego	81
Co. C, 14th Bn.	Amarillo	80
Med Det., 19th Bn.	Dallas	80
Co. E, 31st Bn.	Donna	80
Hqs., 13th Bn.	Laredo	79
Co. C, 7th Bn.	Houston	78
Co. A, 18th Bn.	Beaumont	76
Co. D, 19th Bn.	Dallas	76
Co. B, 36th Bn.	San Antonio	76
Co. E, 7th Bn.	Houston	75
Co. B, 40th Bn.	Denison	75
Co. E, 17th Bn.	Seymour	74
Co. C, 28th Bn.	Robstown	74
Co. D, 47th Bn.	Sugar Land	74
Co. D, 14th Bn.	Pampa	73
Co. E, 11th Bn.	Ballinger	72
Co. A, 42nd Bn.	Paris	72
Co. E, 10th Bn.	Albany	70
Hqs., 20th Bn.	Uvalde	70
Med Det., 27th Bn.	Fort Worth	70
Med Det., 48th Bn.	Houston	70
Co. C, 31st Bn.	Pharr	69

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Co. and Bn.	Home Station
Co. A, 10th Bn.	Abilene
Co. A, 19th Bn.	Dallas
Co. B, 19th Bn.	Dallas
Co. A, 23rd Bn.	New London
Hqs., 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi
Med Det., 33rd Bn.	Marshall
Ser. Det., 37th Bn.	Frost
Co. B, 7th Bn.	Pasadena

### Col. Ives Writes From Post In Italy

Lieutenant Colonel Robert M. Ives, Hq. 36th Infantry Div., now in Italy, writes:

"We've been going through some tough and bloody phases lately. As a matter of fact, it's stretching into months now. From your newscasts and reports you will notice that we make progress but it has been slow these winter months. Slow in the sense of distance gained on the ground. If you add up the number of miles of mountains we've fought bitterly and relentlessly up and down in all kinds of weather it would add up to quite a day's ride. You will be interested in knowing that young Bob Ives is now enlisted in the Palestine unit of the Guard. He is doing his best to carry on in my absence and doing a swell job of it."

Col. Ives commanded Co. G, 143rd Infantry, the old Houston Light Guard Company, when it left Houston in November, 1940. The Second Battalion, Texas State Guard, was forming at that time, and moved into the Light Guard Armory when the National Guard unit left.

### Supply Troops Whip Toughest Obstacles

Supply troops have to overcome the toughest obstacles in supplying hot meals to front line troops, the War Department reports, citing a report of Captain Charles P. Downs, of San Antonio, who was a battalion supply officer in Tunisia until wounded.

"One night we found that the route our jeeps and trailers were using to carry the food ran right through enemy machine gun fire, but the men decided to take a chance anyway," he said. "We had one driver wounded and lost one jeep, but we got most of the food through."

Staff Sgt. Monroe Kovars, of Inez, was so zealous in efforts to get hot food to his front line buddies in an engineer unit of the 36th "Texas" Division that twice he nearly wound up giving it to the Germans on the Fifth Army front.

The first time, he was halted by a startled officer after he had passed his unit in the dark and was on the edge of German territory. Second time, he overlooked a

### 36th Division Unit Wins Presidential Citation

A presidential citation has been awarded the Third Battalion of the 141st Infantry Regiment, 36th Division, a Texas National Guard unit when it went into service in 1940.

The War Department announced that the citation landed in one of the initial assault waves at Salerno on Sept. 9, 1943, "in the face of withering artillery, machinegun and mortar fire."

A series of enemy attacks, including assaults by Nazi tanks, was thrown back by the battalion.

The citation said that "cut off from supplies and reinforcements by the deadly enemy fire, the assault units nevertheless continued their advance against the enemy positions while under continued enemy shelling," and added: "only through their courageous performance was the initial divisional objective achieved."

The battalion is composed mostly of men from San Antonio, Luling, Waelder, Gonzales and San Benito. The units include the headquarters company from San An-

tonio, three rifle companies, I from Luling, K from Gonzales, L from Waelder and Company M, a heavy weapons outfit, from San Benito.

Brig. Gen. P. A. Weathered, retired, received a letter some time ago from the 141st Infantry Regiment commander, Col. Richard J. Werner of San Antonio, who said, "I felt we were honored to be permitted to lead the invasion."

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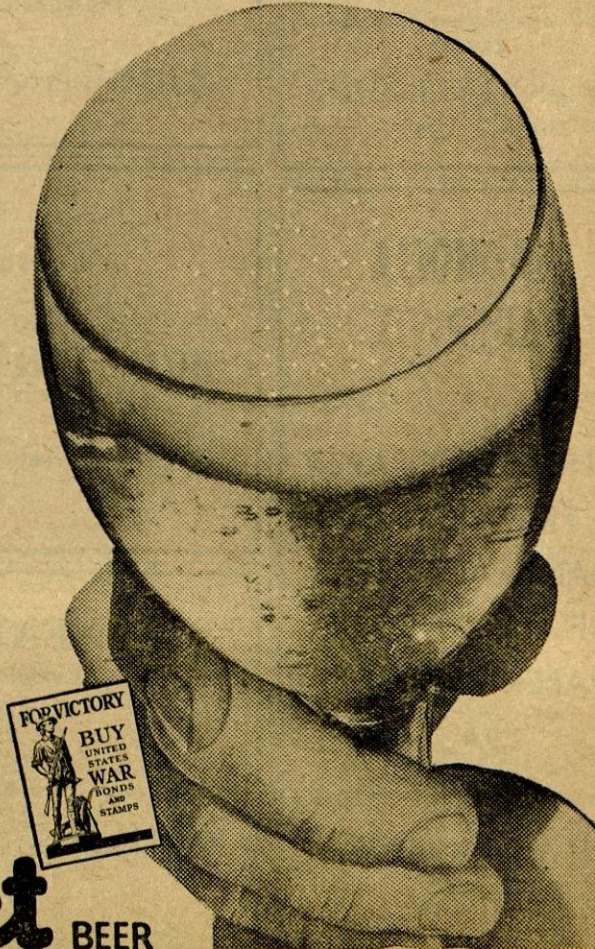
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## Sgt. Mann Makes Crack Shots In Dallas Outfit

The "shooting" record of Com-  
pany A, 19th Battalion, indicates  
the company's desire to specialize  
in marksmanship and shows the  
results of the untiring efforts of  
Sergeant Monty Mann, qualified  
N. R. A. Senior Instructor in Small  
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During the two-year period end-  
ing March 1, 1944, a total of 186  
men have qualified as marksmen,  
sharpshooters, and experts, and of  
this number. 50 were on the com-  
pany roster March 1, 1944. The  
benefits of Sergeant Mann's train-  
ing and instructions are evident  
from the following table showing  
the distribution of qualifying  
grades:



SGT. MONTY MANN

Name of Course	Expert	Number of Qualifications (For Men on Roster March 1, 1944)		
		Sharpshooter	Marksmen	Total Number
U. S. Army Rifle "E" (22 cal.—100 yards).....	26	19	5	50
U. S. Army Rifle "B" (adapted to small bore)....	19	0	0	19
U. S. Army Rifle "D" (.30 cal.—1,000 inches)....	20	8	3	31
U. S. Army Rifle "G" (small bore—50 feet).....	16	6	1	23
U. S. Army Pistol "D".....	11	4	1	16
Total number of qualifications all courses.....				130

The above tabulation indicates  
that 50 per cent of the qualifica-  
tions in each course were expert.  
This record was not achieved by  
merely ordering the men to report  
for range practice, but it repre-  
sents instruction in ballistics, "dry  
firing," and practice firing, before  
qualification. In a period of two  
years approximately 2,000 hours  
were spent by Sergeant Mann in  
the classroom and on the range.

In addition to his work as range  
instructor, Sergeant Mann also was  
Supply Sergeant, and his departure  
to join the Marine Corps will de-  
prive Company A of his expert  
service and ability. Company A,  
19th Battalion, first company or-  
ganized in Dallas, is commanded by  
Captain Stanley W. Foran.

Topkick: "Don't talk like that,  
Private. There's a lady present."  
Private: "Oh, yeah? After they  
go out with you, they're reclassi-  
fied."

## One of "Two Man Army From Texas" Is Killed In Action

One member of the "two-  
man army from Texas is  
dead.

He was Sgt. Jack Gordon  
Berry of Mexia, who with  
Sgt. Willie B. Slaughter, also  
of Mexia, won that unusual  
deesignation from the War  
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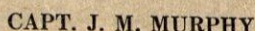
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# WHAT DOES THE CHURCH HAVE TO SAY ABOUT WAR?

By MAJOR GORDON M. REESE  
Chaplain, Texas State Guard  
Officers Association.

This is a question that is perplexing thousands of sincere people who are trying to harmonize their Christian convictions to the mind of Christ in this present conflict.

Is the Church a Pacifist Institution?

Does the Command, "Thou shalt not kill," mean that Christians cannot go to war? Can the Church bless the boys and give its unstinted, whole-hearted support to them in their efforts? When Jesus said to St. Peter, "Put up thy sword—they who use the sword will perish by the sword," what did He mean?

Is this war inconsistent with the spirit and teachings of Christ?

There are many who feel that there should be a "blackout" of Christian teachings, Christian privileges, and all Christian ethics during a wartime period. These questions are perplexing a great many people—sincere Christian people—and certainly the Church of the Living Christ should not remain silent.

The recent result of the Gallup Poll in regard to this question as to "whether the war should be mentioned from the pulpit on Sunday" is most interesting: The people in the pews voted overwhelmingly that it should not be discussed from the pulpit. "That the Church shall be the Church," whatever that means, and that war has no place in a service of worship.

Think what this means! Six days a week we will hear the analyses of commentators, the reports of representatives of our press in foreign lands; discussions at luncheon clubs, and all of these discussions will relate directly or indirectly to the war. Yet on Sunday, the Institution which should unequivocally make itself heard and which should speak out and clarify the issue in the minds of people must remain silent.

But thoughtful, sincere Christians want to know what the Church thinks—they want the interpretation of the mind of Christ. The Church cannot, and should not, remain silent!

If this is a Righteous war, we should not remain silent!

If it is not a Righteous Holy cause, Christian people should have no part of it.

If our National leaders become confused—and that's possible—that does not mean the Church is confused. If we CAN have a "blackout" of speeches and forecasts and broadcasts by experts and columnists of one kind or another, and try the method used by the first President of the United States when he was leader of our Army at Valley Forge, we shall win this war and win it quickly—and it will be in the American Way, the Christian Way—on our knees before God.

Washington fought the battles on his knees before God before they were won on the battlefield. It's not production, but Consecration to our task and to God—and to win, we must fight.

Again, I want to refute the idea that the Church founded by our



MAJOR GORDON M. REESE

Lord Jesus Christ has nothing to say about war, and if it wishes to find its marching orders, then its membership, with confidence, can go to the 22nd Chapter of Matthew, verses 1-7, and the 18th Chapter of Matthew, verses 1-7.

We must remember that Jesus did not live and die in a war-torn world. His nation was at peace and never once during his entire life was his nation involved in any conflict. He was living in the "Pax-Romana"—"The Peace of the Roman Empire." In the matter of war, therefore, it is impossible to tell exactly what Jesus would do. It is the settled opinion of all great scholars that Jesus crossed no bridges until he came to them.

One thing is clear—Jesus was never a Pacifist! This was demonstrated by his willingness on more than one occasion to make his position very clear, regardless, if it involved physical conflict. When he told Peter to put up the sword, he was not condemning war, he was only saying, "Put up your sword, Peter, it is no good to resist Civil arrest." For that was what Peter was opposing.

Jesus did not resist his executioners. Neither do men in Sing Sing, about to be electrocuted! It would do no good.

It does not mean, however, that Jesus would have told Peter to put up the sword, when a little Polish baby was being spiked with a bayonet, or to put away his rifle when a harmless old Czecho-Slovakian couple were being machine-gunned along a country highway. Nor to stop the anti-aircraft battery when an undefended, unfortified village in China was being sprayed with machine guns from a low-flying bomber.

We must realize, and realize it definitely, that we are in an un-

provoked war. We did nothing except by appeasement, to avoid this conflict. We are in a war against an enemy which is out to destroy all of the ideals of freedom and the virtues of democracy, which we have held dear.

We are in a war, against an enemy who said they were rebelling against the Versailles Treaty, when any intelligent person knows that under that supposedly unjust treaty, the greatest war machine that was ever built, was built in less than six years, and built by the ones who were supposed to be the victims of that treaty. We are in a war against an enemy which has destroyed Freedom, ravaged Truth, and killed Beauty. This is an obscene, horrible tragedy, brought about by the very people who were supposed to be the victims of the unjust Versailles Treaty.

I have not attempted to picture to you the sufferings of bombed civilians, violence to unprotected children, destroying of lifeboats on the high sea or the bombing of hospitals clearly marked with a red cross. I say it with the deepest, most sincere Christian conviction, that we must see to it that we shall not have a war against these people every twenty years!

And we must see to it that no nation committing acts of aggression shall ever be allowed to rise up again, as a nation. For my authority I wish to quote to you from St. Matthew, 22nd Chapter, verses 1-7. Particularly the portion which says, "But when the King heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers." Now this is Jesus making this statement. I had nothing to do with the composition of it—I am only reading what He said. That is not hate, it is good sense! It is realism—God never does for man what he can do for himself.

Think of it! To date more sailors, officers and men have died than were killed in all of our naval engagements during our long period in history! And they are dying, not because of any acts of ours, they are dying because of an unprovoked war, developed by aggressors, first in Central Europe and then transferred to the Pacific.

Your friends and mine are dying because Obstructionists, Isolationists and Pacifists joined hands with these provokers, believing that appeasement was the answer to world peace. Because of appeasement little children, young men, young women and elderly people all over the world are being maimed and killed; their lives blighted by this same enemy that they would appease.

What would Jesus say to a person or a nation who would injure or take action against a little child as has been authoritatively reported to have happened time and time again during this war. "It were better," Jesus said, "that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the

depth of the sea," than that one of these little ones should perish.

When I hear people say, "Let the Church be the Church, and keep out of this war," what I think they mean is "Let the Church be nothing." They would put the Foundation of the Church in stained glass windows instead of in the world where He belongs.

"Let's have Him come to baptisms, weddings and funerals, but keep Him out of the world of the affairs of men." Jesus living in a day when there were social injustices and economic oppressors, and He made Himself very clear when these things crossed His path. In no uncertain terms He told the religious leaders of His day of their unworthiness, because of their unwillingness to bring God into the lives of men and in all phases of their daily life.

I said we are in an unprovoked war. We ARE in an unprovoked war, yet oftentimes we hear that it is an economic war. When a man has less money, less goods, a smaller house than his neighbor, society

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## 39th Parades To Sell War Bonds

By CAPT. T. BRUCE CRAIG  
Executive Officer, 39th Bn.

The War Bond Committee of Lubbock sought the assistance of the Texas State Guard in promoting interest in the Fourth Loan drive, and found that they were willing and able to lend a helping hand. Major B. C. McCasland, commanding the 39th, assigned the work of organizing the parade to the Executive Officer, Captain T. Bruce Craig, and the work of planning the parade to the Operations and Training Officer Captain H. Klaus.

Visits were made to the two flying fields adjacent to Lubbock, and to the units training at Texas Technological College, and all were in a cooperative mood. Officers from all units were assigned to the work of organizing the parade, and as a result the largest parade ever to pass through the streets of Lubbock was formed.

A reviewing stand was located on the downtown streets of Lubbock, and invitations were sent to the commanding officers of all units to be in the stand. All accepted.

Colonel Ralph E. Holmes of Lubbock Army Air Field was the Reviewing Officer; Colonel Norman B. Olsen of South Plains Army Air Field; Lt. Colonel Ford Monroe, of 309th College Training Detachment (Aircrew); Major Frank E. Hanks, of the Army Special Training Program and Army Special Training Reserve Program; Major Emmett Lee of the West Texas Recruiting and Induction Station, and Major B. C. McCasland of the Texas State Guard were the commanders in the reviewing stand, together with the members of the Bond Committees and some staff members of the commanders.

The parade was formed at the City Hall, Lubbock, and after winding around through the business district for some three miles, was dispersed at Broadway and Ave. Q.

Included in the parade were: from the Lubbock Army Air Field, a large unit of Flying cadets, and Air-Wacs, led by their own band; from the College Training Detachment, a unit near a mile long with their own band; from the South Plains Army Air Field, units including a battalion of military police, a unit of jeeps armed with machine guns, a detachment of glider pilots dressed in their flying suits, a detachment of Wacs, and many different kinds of Army combat trucks and equipment, led by their own band. The Texas State Guard was led by a representative staff, excepting Major McCasland followed by the color guard carrying the Texas Flag, and including the Headquarters Detachment and Company A, both Lubbock units of the 39th Battalion.

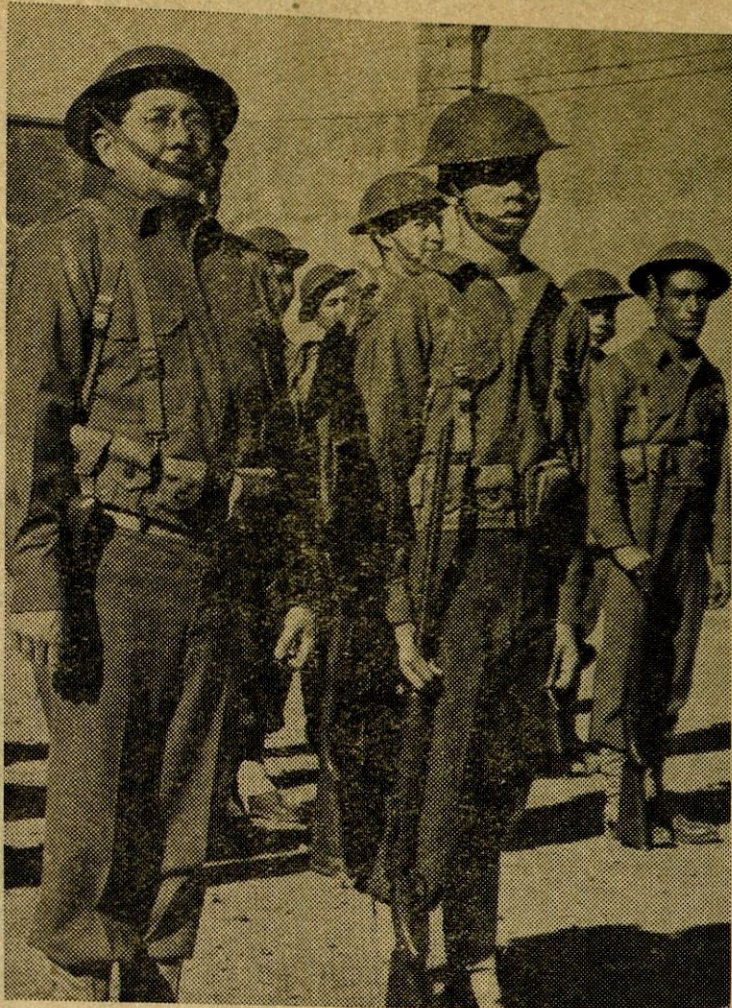
The parade was highly acclaimed by the citizens of Lubbock and was another opportunity to sell the merits of the Texas State Guard to our own people.

Joe: "Hey, there's a two-bit piece."

Moe: "Well, what'll we do with it?"

Joe: "I don't know, let's call the charge of quarters."

## Father And Son Team



Shown in front of his platoon is 2nd Lt. Hilario C. Hernandez, and son, Hilario R. Hernandez, private. Lt. Hernandez enlisted April 29, 1941. and Pvt. Hernan-

dez enlisted on his 16th birthday, November 28, 1943. Lt. Hernandez is platoon commander of 2nd platoon Co. A, Third Battalion, Alpine, Texas.

### NOT MAE WEST

They say this actually happened at Texas University. One of the professors was getting acquainted with the members of his class. Turning to an attractive looking blonde he inquired: "And what is your name, please?"

"West," she told him.

"Ah, Mae West, I presume?"

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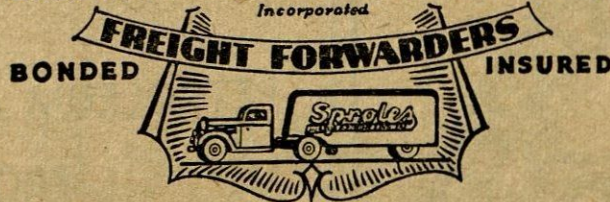
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The Legion of Merit, for non-combat achievement.

The Silver Star, for gallantry in action.

Distinguished Flying Cross, for distinguished achievement in aerial flight, whether or not in combat.

Bronze Star, for heroic or meritorious achievement, in combat or in support of combat on the ground.

Soldier's Medal, for heroism not involving combat with the enemy.

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The Air Medal, for achievement in aerial flight.

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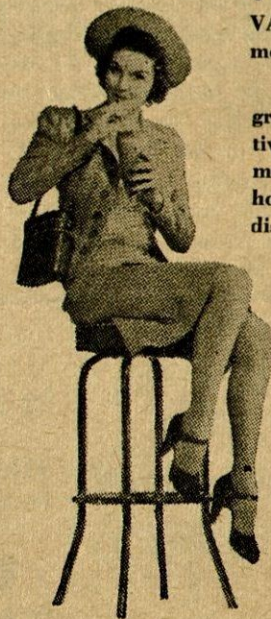
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## Two Training Films Reviewed

The following reviews of two training films were made by the Second Training and Research Unit:

### BAPTISM OF FIRE

"Baptism of Fire" is the climax film of the Fighting Men Series, a "must" for every man in the Army. It is Training Film No. 2-2014, lasting 37 minutes.

Here is an honest study of an average soldier in his first action against the enemy. It follows his experiences—mental and emotional and physical—from the rear area, when word has gone around that his outfit is due to move up to the front, to his return to rest after the ordeal by fire. A remarkable motion picture in its own right, "Baptism of Fire" is a training film as well, for it combines cold realism with a deep understanding of the human problems involved, and prepares the soldier who sees it for his own first battle. Some exciting bayonet and hand-to-hand fighting is included. Every man in the State Guard could see this splendid picture.

### CLOSE COMBAT

This film bulletin, an adaptation of a British training film, teaches the principles of close combat. Beginning with the first step in hand-to-hand combat, the film proceeds to demonstrate various special blows, such as the chin jab, rabbit punch, heel and knee blow, helmet blow, boxing punch and the kick.

Also demonstrated are the procedures for taking a man from behind, what to do when attacked if unarmed, and how to combat the various weapons the attackers may be carrying. Releases from various grips are shown, also how to take a prisoner, how to march a prisoner, and what to do if taken prisoner. (Film Bulletin No. 74—running time 19 minutes.)

### ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

The University of Texas has received final clearance on the purchase of an electron microscope for its electrical engineering department. The University's instrument will be installed during the summer, and will be the only one of its kind in the South. It can be used for enlarging to visibility sub-microscopic objects, such as influenza virus, milk particles and other things which cannot be seen with the ordinary microscope, and will be valuable in determining basic physical properties of all kinds of substances.

### HOGG GIFT TO UNIVERSITY

Eight hundred shares of copper stock, which it is estimated will yield \$2,400 annually, was a recent gift to the University of Texas Hogg Foundation from Miss Ima Hogg, sister of the late Will C. Hogg, whose \$2,500,000 bequest to the University made possible the establishment of the Foundation as a statewide educational service, chiefly in the field of mental hygiene.

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### PAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS

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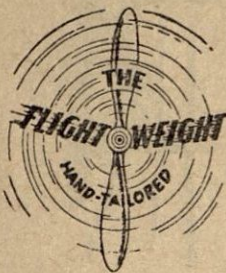
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## Bonham Company Has Newspaper Column

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Pvt. William G. Forgy, in civilian life the advertising director of The Bonham Favorite, has started a column in that newspaper telling of activities of the men of Company C.

The column not only is interesting to the community, but also serves as a good medium for recruiting.

Congratulations, Pvt. Forgy.

## 'Chutes Slow Down Plane To Let It Land

The B-24 Liberator, "Belle of Texas," was slowed down so that it could land on the airstrip on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, by three parachutes billowing out into the wind.

The crippled bomber was the first American plane to land on the island.

The brakes had been destroyed in a fight with Japanese planes. So Lt. Charles F. Pratt, her pilot, ordered his crew to put out the parachutes to make an emergency land safe. He estimated that the speed of about 140 miles an hour was cut 30 to 40 miles an hour by the chutes, which were opened as the craft touched the runway.

The plan worked.

## He Let Him Do A Bit Of Extra Work For Tojo

Cape Gloucester, New Britain.—The favorite battlefield tale here deals with a Marine who spotted a Jap sniper climbing a tree.

It was a tall tree and a long, difficult climb, and the Marine lay patiently behind a log and just watched. Then as the Jap started to swing himself into position, the Marine fired a single shot. The Jap came tumbling down.

Wounded later in the day, the Marine was brought to a field hospital for treatment. Laconically, he told the story to inquiring corpsmen.

"Why didn't you shoot him while he was an easy mark at the bottom of the tree?" demanded one curious corpsman.

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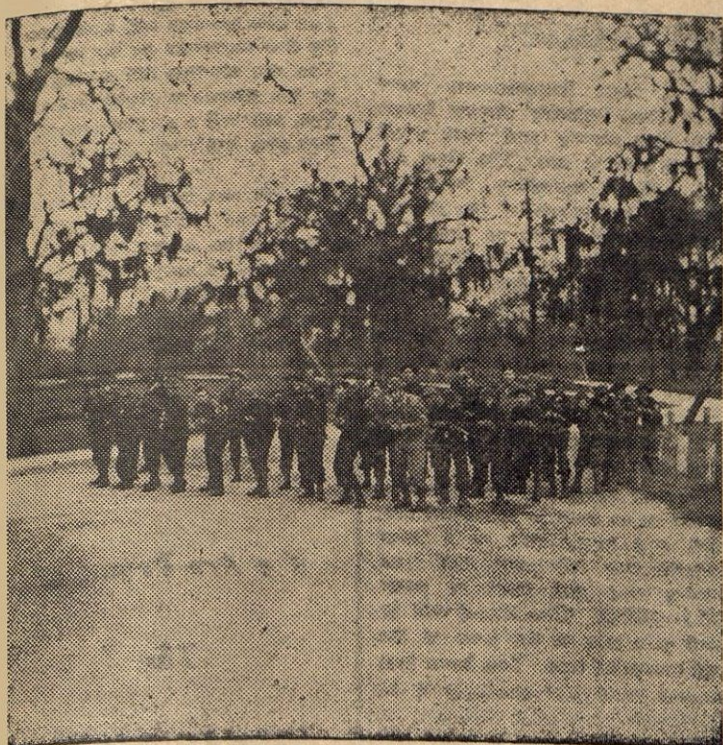


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## 49th Battalion On Maneuvers



Top: Members of Companies A and B, 49th Battalion, Texas State Guard, practice a wedge formation during an overnight maneuver at League City.

Below: Part of the guardsmen in bivouac.

### "I FOUGHT..."

An old-timer, hash marks elbow deep, was entertaining a bunch of rookies with his fighting record. "... And I fought with General MacArthur. I fought with General Pershing. I fought with Uncle Joe Stillwell, I fought with..." "Quarrelsome, ain't you?" interrupted a bored rookie.

## Two 49th Battalion Companies Stage Overnight Bivouac

Companies A and B, 49th Battalion, Galveston, under the commands of Capt. C. D. Halfin and Capt. A. E. Goudge, respectively, held an overnight bivouac at the Galveston County Fairgrounds, League City, on Saturday night, March 4. About 35 officers and men from the two companies arrived at the bivouac area between 1900 and 2000 Saturday evening. The men wore fatigues, leggings, helmets and carried their full field packs complete with their new shelter halves. Gas capes were taken along to serve as mattresses.

As soon as guards were posted and tents pitched, supper, consisting of sandwiches and coffee, was served. Interior guard duty was stressed as a part of the activity of the maneuver with four posts being set up around the camp and the schedule was set at two hours on and three hours off.

Most of the night was spent quietly aside from the fact that it was rumored one of the men incidentally found a set of cubical dominoes in his pack. Any activities involving this bit of non-regulation equipment were interrupted by numerous attempts of a picked group of men led by Lt. Heyen, Company B, to penetrate past the sentries. All these attempts were unsuccessful, it was reported.

Reveille was at 0345 Sunday. Exercises and drills were held in which the men received training in squad wedge and right and left diagonal formations. This portion of the overnight experience was regarded as the high spot by most of

the men who were able to turn out. Breakfast at 0600 was also highly regarded by all those present. Camp was broken about 1000 Sunday.

## New Powder Kills Typhus "Cooties"

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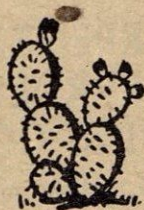
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Oliver, Herbert M.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 2nd Bn.
Loshak, Herman	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 2nd Bn.
Mayo, John S.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 4th Bn.
Burger, Clyde G.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 4th Bn.
Carter, John T.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 4th Bn.
Miller, Hilmer A.	2nd Lt.	Co. F, 4th Bn.
Newby, Franklin L.	2nd Lt.	Co. F, 4th Bn.
White, Hillyer A.	Captain	Co. F, 4th Bn.
Tucker, Geo. E.	Captain	Med. Det., 4th Bn.
Ladin, Frank S.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 7th Bn.
Kirkpatrick, James A.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 8th Bn.
Logsdon, Harry A.	Captain	Med. Det., 10th Bn.
Chandler, Oren H.	Major	Med. Det., 11th Bn.
Posey, DeGross	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 11th Bn.
Holasek, Joseph F.	Captain	Hqs., 12th Bn.
Deason, William M.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 12th Bn.
Stallcup, Joseph M.	Major	Med. Det., 12th Bn.
Purviance, Walter	Major	Med. Det., 14th Bn.
Curtis, Ech D.	Captain	Hqs., 15th Bn.
Mullens, Macon S., Sr.	Captain	Med. Det., 19th Bn.
Watson, Joe W., Jr.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 20th Bn.
Benavides, Cristobal M.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 20th Bn.
Southall, Donald T.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 20th Bn.
Shulman, Edward J.	Captain	Ser. Det., 20th Bn.
Huntington, Maurice G.	Captain	Co. A, 21st Bn.
Jones, George H.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 22nd Bn.
Riesel, Carl A.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 22nd Bn.
Foreman, Everett R.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 23rd Bn.
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Prior to the night for the problem, a personal reconnaissance was made of the area to be used, and clues were left at certain points for the patrol to find. Each clue contained information of the enemy (as if they actually had learned the information during their patrol) and provided the opportunity for messages to be sent back to headquarters as in the case of a real patrol.

At one point during the problem while the patrol was going along a creek bed, they were "fired on" by the enemy, causing them to deploy and delaying them considerably. his was accomplished by having four members of the unit (not taking part in the patrol) stationed at this point ahead of time with firecrackers, which they set off upon the approach of the patrol.

Several times during the problem the patrol stumbled into "booby" traps left for them as long as 30 minutes before by the "enemy." This was accomplished by tying a long length of ordinary laundry string to a firecracker and using

it as a fuse. Experiments have proved that laundry string burns surely but slowly and that wind will not blow it out. The time desired before exploding is determined by the length of the string. These explosions with no enemy to be found in the vicinity kept the patrol on a constant "alert" throughout the problem.

Map reading was included in the problem because each clue found directed them to the location of the next clue by grid coordinates or road junctions, per the following sample clue:

"Proceed north along dry creek bed shown on map to 4th objective, which is a water hole by a large mesquite tree adjoining dirt road running east and west at point (835.3—662.9). Clue No. 4 will be found in a can at the base of the large mesquite tree. You have just observed what you estimate to be a battalion of enemy infantry in bivouac in the woods to your left at RJ 760 (834.2—552.9)."

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Is there water supplied for food handlers?  
b. Menus:  
Does food served correspond with menu posted?  
Are menus well balanced and amount of food adequate?  
Check file of menus and mess account balance sheet. (Note: Daily food supplied each man should yield at least 3,000 calories, provide at least 100 grams of protein, and contain adequate vitamins.)  
c. Bread boxes: Sufficiency, cleanliness, and neatness.  
d. Food preparation and serving: Are the foods enjoyed? If not, what corrections are advisable?  
e. Police:  
Are the trays, dishes, and utensils clean? Look between fork tines and around hilt of knife.  
Are pots and pans kept grease free? Are they properly stored when not in use?  
Are stoves kept clean?  
f. Waste disposal:  
Is waste properly sorted and kept in proper receptacles?  
Combustible trash and tin cans. Non-edible garbage.  
Are empty cans crushed and perforated before going to the trash can? Has a trash and garbage can been provided? Is it clean?  
Is waste removed at regular intervals?  
g. Insects: Are proper methods used to control insects?

E. Sterilizing Water in Water-Sterilizing Bag (Lyster).

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b. Draw a small quantity of water

through one of the faucets into a can-teen cup.

c. Break an ampule of the calcium hypochlorite into the water in the cup and with a clean stick rub it into a thin paste containing no visible lumps. Then add sufficient water to fill the cup two-thirds full.

d. Empty the solution of calcium hypochlorite in the cup into the wa-ter in the bag and stir thoroughly with a clean stick which is long enough to reach the bottom of the bag. Then flush out each of the fau-cets.

e. After the calcium hypochlorite has been in contact with the water in the bag for at least 10 minutes, wash out the faucets by allowing a small amount of water to run through it onto the ground. Then fill a clean cup about two-thirds full of water from one of the faucets. Add 1 cc. (15 drops) of orthotolidine testing solu-tion to the water in the cup. Wait 5 minutes and note the color produced. A well marked yellow color indicates that the water contains about the proper amount of residual chlorine. An orange color is evidence of over-chlorination.

f. As a factor of safety, the water should be allowed to stand for 20 min-utes after the end of the contact period, or for 30 minutes after the addition of the calcium hypochlorite, before being used for drinking pur-poses.

HOME STUDY COURSE

FOR TEXAS STATE GUARDSMEN

LESSON No. 9—MILITARY SANITATION

- A. Sanitary Surveys
1. A sanitary survey is an analysis of the conditions existing in a com-munity which exert a favorable or an unfavorable influence on the health of the inhabitants. Sanitary surveys vary widely in scope and character and may consist of a more or less complete study of all the conditions within a community which actually or potentially affect health.
2. Form for Sanitary Surveys—The following outline is suggested as a guide in the conduct of a military sanitary survey but it does not con-stitute a form which can be adhered to in all instances:
- a. Military Features:
- (1) Military personnel.  
Strength.  
Training and discipline.  
Racial characteristics.
- (2) Mission of the Troops.  
Peacetime training.  
Wartime training.  
Mobilization.
- (3) Funds and Policies.  
Existing and prospective avail-ability of funds.  
Policies relative to the procure-ment and expenditure of funds.
- b. Environmental Features.
- (1) Topographical and Meteorologi-cal conditions.
- Nature of terrain.  
Character of topsoil and sub-soil.  
Amount of rainfall; mean tem-perature and humidity; winds and seasonal variations in cli-mate.
- (2) Recreational Facilities.  
Athletics.  
Entertainment and welfare work.
- (3) Water Supply.  
Sources.  
Methods of purification.  
Methods of distribution.
- (4) Waste Disposal.  
Kinds of waste.  
Methods of disposal.
- (5) Food Supplies.  
Sources.  
Effectiveness of inspection methods.  
Operation of messes.  
Training and supervision of food handlers.  
Quality of the ration as served.
- c. Disease Prevalence.
- (1) Morbidity rates.  
Average total sick rate.  
Average admission rates for communicable diseases.
- (2) Communicable Diseases.  
Epidemic and endemic preva-lence.  
Sources of infection.  
Control measures.

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### III. Conduct of Sanitary Survey—

The first steps in the conduct of a sanitary survey consist of a:

- Formulation of a more or less complete plan relative to the kind of information to be obtained.
- Determination of the source of material.
- Determination of the methods to be used to collect material.

### B. Mosquito Control Measures.

- Drainage.
- Filling in low areas.
- Elimination of artificial water containers.
- Oiling the water.

Use crude oil or waste motor oil. This will spread more readily if a 2 per cent solution of crude castor oil is added. During the summer months oil should be applied about once each week. Under the most ideal conditions, in quiet waters containing no vegetation or debris, 3 to 5 gallons of a light, well-spreading oil will produce a thin but satisfactory film over an area of about 1 acre.

#### (5) Phenol Larvicide.

a. The Panama larvicide is the best example of this type of larvicide. It may be made as follows:

- Crude carbolic acid—5 gallons.
- Rosin (finely crushed and sifted)—6 pounds.
- Caustic soda—1 pound.

Heat carbolic acid in iron container until it is steaming hot, the resin is added, and the solution stirred until the resin is completely dissolved. The caustic soda is dissolved in a pint of water and added and the heating and stirring is continued for about 5

minutes. A sample of the mixture is then poured into water and if a complete emulsion results, the larvicide is ready for use. The crude carbolic acid should contain not less than 15 per cent of phenol and have a specific gravity of not more than 0.97.

b. The Panama larvicide is prepared for use by mixing one part of the larvicide with five parts of water. The resulting emulsion is applied by spraying, or in the case of small collections of water, a watering pot may be used or the larvicide may be poured into the water. The larvicide should be applied in such amounts that an emulsion with the treated water of from 1 to 1,000 to 1 to 10,000, preferably about 1 to 5,000, will result. An emulsion of 1 to 5,000 will kill the larvae in about 10 minutes. The Panama larvicide can be used wherever hand oiling is feasible. As it kills the greater proportion of the larvae, it need be applied only at such intervals as will prevent complete larvae development. This interval is usually 1 week, but may be as long as 3 weeks.

#### (6) Destruction of Adults.

#### (7) Screening.

(8) Mosquito Nets. (Troops as a rule will not use nets unless suitable orders are issued and enforced by unit commanders.)

During the day all mosquito bars should be rolled up to prevent mosquitoes from hiding within the folds. When put in place at night, the interior of the net should be searched for mosquitoes. All nets should be inspected at regular intervals for tears, holes, and broken threads.

9. Mosquito Surveys—These Surveys are conducted for the purpose of determining the most feasible, and usually the quickest and least expensive procedures for controlling the disease-transmitting species in the

area under consideration. Normally, the most important features of a mosquito survey are the identification of the species involved, study of the relative density and importance of each species, and the location of the breeding places of the species, or of each species if there is more than one present. It is usually essential that the species of mosquito concerned be determined, and this phase of the survey is of special importance if Anopheles are to be controlled when there are two or more species breeding in the vicinity.

### a. Method of Conducting Mosquito Survey:

- Identify prevailing species.
- Locate all breeding places.
- Dispersion of adult mosquitoes.
- Nature of terrain.
- Climatic conditions.
- Facilities for control work.
- The disease and military situation.

### C. Control Chiggers.

a. Chiggers, red bugs, jiggers or harvest mites, as they are variously called, are the larvae, or first active stage, of a large scarlet soil-inhabiting mite. These bugs carry no disease, yet they produce extreme annoyance to man by their bites.

#### e. Control Measures:

(1) Sulfur dust is a protector. Dusting the clothing and the body, especially from the waist down, with sulfur gives almost complete protection against these pests. Ordinary flowers of sulfur will suffice, but the finer sulfurs are better.

(2) One should lightly dust sulfur on the skin, underclothes, and socks before going into infested areas. Sulfur should be applied 2 or 3 days in succession, at which time it can be relied upon to give reasonable protection. (Note: If skin eruptions result

from the usage of sulfur, its use should be discontinued.) Derris root or Cube, or the extractives of these products combined with acid or neutral talcs, if dusted in bedding and on the person as described above in (1), are effective chigger repellents. If there is certainty that chiggers have attached themselves to the skin, a light application of kerosene or pyrethrum oil insect spray to the site of the bite for 2 to 3 minutes before bathing is advised.

These materials should not be left on the skin for longer than 15 to 20 minutes. They should be removed by washing with soap and water.

### D. Mess Inspection.

#### 1. Sanitary Inspection of Messes.

a. The principal purpose of a sanitary inspection of a mess is to determine the existence and nature of any defects which would result in contamination of the food and the transmission of disease-producing organisms to the troops, or which would impair the nutritive value or lessen the acceptability of the food as served to the troops.

b. The following outline may be followed in making a complete sanitation inspection of a mess. It is suggested as a guide only, to State Guard inspectors:

#### (a) Attendants:

Is mess sergeant qualified for position as to: Knowledge of food requirements and preparation of food? Ability to maintain discipline? Business ability?

Are cooks efficient?

Have food handlers all had "food handlers'" examination and been certified as to health condition by the medical officer?

Are food handlers clean as to: Clothing? Hair? Hands (inspect fingernails)? Personal habits? Care in

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College Station.—Since 1903 ex-students of Texas A. & M. have followed the custom of meeting together on April 21, anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto. The tradition grew out of a student incident on that date in 1903, when the College Cadet Corps staged a protest strike because the day was not observed. David F. Houston, then president, persuaded the young Texans to return to classes but then and there the vow was made that never again would A. & M. men forget the anniversary of San Jacinto.

This year's Muster of A. & M. men will Follow The Sun, starting just across the international date-line in the Pacific with a muster on Guadalcanal, and following through the South Pacific, Australia, India-China, the Mediterranean, England, the Americas, and ending in the Aleutians and Hawaii. Over ten thousand Aggies are expected to answer roll call at more than six hundred separate musters.

Most famous of these annual musters of A. & M. was the one held on April 21, 1942, on the Isle Fortress of Corregidor, shortly before its capitulation. At that muster General George F. Moore, himself a graduate of the college and in command of the Corregidor guns, and twenty-five younger A. & M. men were present. Word of their meeting was flashed home and their spirit widely acclaimed by national leaders and the nation's press.

At these annual musters a common program is followed, with certain features that have become almost ritualistic. Among those is the dismissal of each muster, performed according to rigid pattern by the oldest A. & M. man present.

Texas A. & M. is the oldest state institution of higher education in Texas, and this April 21 Muster tradition is the oldest of the Alumni traditions of the Southwest.

# SALUTE TO THE GUARD

Texas State Guardsmen from Houston passed in review before Col. H. E. Pollock, one of the organizers of the British Home Guard, Wednesday night, and when the last of the 1200 men had marched by the colonel declared it was a "good show."

That, in characteristic British understatement, was high praise from a man who came back from Dunkerque to whip the shopkeepers, clerks and other workers of England into a formidable army of defense against threatened invasion.

To observers accustomed to seeing regular army troops the marching perhaps was a little ragged.

But the men who marched made up the difference.

There were paunchy old veterans from World War 1, too old to fight now, but ready to defend Houston at the drop of a hat. There were beardless youngsters, gripping their shotguns determinedly and making their elders puff to keep up with the fast step.

They are the same types that stood ready to lay down their lives across the Atlantic so there "would always be an England."

The Houston battalions of the Guard deserve a salute.—The Houston Chronicle.

# THANKS TO THE GUARD

It has been more than two years now since our unit of the Texas State Guard was activated, and in that space of time the company has given the community, and indeed, the state, cause for nothing but pride.

The men and officers who go to make up this splendid organization doubtless feel at times that theirs is an unsung and prosaic task and one devoid of appreciation. Yet in the face of proper expressions the Guardsmen have carried on with fidelity and efficiency befitting their position.

From the highest to the lowest there is nothing involved in TSG membership except a patriotic devotion to duty. The rawest recruit and the captain draw the same pay, which is nothing but satisfaction in having served effectively here at home.

These Guardsmen are charged with the internal security of our state while our national guard is away on foreign soil. Although most service necessarily may be rather in the realm of the ordinary, it is not inconceivable that soldiers in the state guard might be called upon to subject themselves to bodily harm or even give their lives under emergencies.

Meanwhile, we won't want to have to wait for an emergency to provoke us into expressing appreciation to our unit. We want Capt. H. L. Bohannon, Lieuts. Dale Thompson and Joe Pond and the men to know the community is thankful for what they have done and are doing.—Big Spring Herald.

## TEACHER SHORTAGE

A graphic picture of the present teacher shortage is presented in the 1943 report of the University of Texas Teachers Appointment Bureau, which shows that requests for teachers to fill vacancies numbered 2,741, yet the bureau had only 441 applicants on its list—a situation more acute than at the corresponding period of the last war.

extensively in the Big Bend and Pecos regions of Texas until the natural "stands" were used up 20 years ago, states a University of Texas botanist, Dr. B. C. Tharp.

## MOSTLY CADET NURSES

Approximately 80 per cent of the student nurses at the University of Texas John Sealy College of Nursing are also enrolled in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps, although this program is still optional, states Miss Marjorie Barthold, director of the College.

## GUAYULE OLD IN TEXAS

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# Plan To Unite Army And Navy Gaining In Favor

Uniting the Army and Navy under one Department of War is definitely being considered by chiefs of staff in Washington, but still to be decided is whether the change would be made in wartime or after the war.

Because the two units of the armed services have been working so closely together in the present conflict, support for the unity plan has gained greatly.

Senator Lodge has told congress that he found a great amount of sentiment for the action among officers in the field during a trip to the fighting fronts.

If it is decided to go ahead with the plan a recommendation would be made to the President. A unification plan was introduced in congress two years ago but was not pressed.

The plan which holds most favor at the present time involves the following points:

1. A single Department of War or Defense with a civilian head who would have civilian assistants for each service.
2. A single chief of staff with the proper deputies.
3. A general staff which would function under the chief with equal

rank for Army, Navy, Air and Supply.

4. All land-based planes would function under a single air command. The Navy would continue to control carrier planes.

5. The general staff would be divided into two parts, the operations division and the materials division. Under each would be sections handling the special branches—Army, Navy and Air.

## TEXAS HERBARIUM

The University of Texas herbarium, containing almost a hundred thousand "sheets" or displays of native Texas vegetation—preserved to last as long as a well-cared-for book—was recently used by government employees assigned to investigate the potentialities of guayule as a wartime source of rubber. Certain of these specimens were of aid in revealing the distinction between guayule and other closely related species with which it would easily be confused in the field, declares Dr. B. C. Tharp, herbarium director.

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# The Boggy Road That Led To San Jacinto

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crossed to the other side. General Houston about this time received information that Santa Anna had gone back to Mexico. No information to the contrary was received until the night of April 11.

The army remained on the west side of the Colorado until the 20th, when it crossed. The buildings at Burnham's were burned to the ground, while their owners, who were in the Texian army, looked on. Moseley Baker and others of Houston's enemies exhort him for the burning of Gonzales, Burnham's, Beason's, San Felipe and other places along the retreat. It should be noted that places burned were at or near crossings of the principal rivers. All buildings in such places were destroyed by fire to prevent the enemy using them for crossing the flooded rivers or for shelter from the biting wintry weather.

## Went Into Camp

After crossing at Burnham's, the Texian marched down the east side of the Colorado to a point opposite Beason's, where they went into camp. The buildings at Beason's were burned. Beason's was the central of three river crossings in that vicinity by either or all of which the Mexican army could pass to San Felipe. The Dweese crossing was located about three miles above and the Atascosita crossing about four miles below. A log redoubt was built to protect the crossing at Beason's, and detachments were sent to guard the other crossings.

In mid-February, 1836, somewhat over 6500 Mexican troops had entered Texas in two separate divisions. One under General Jose Urrea, consisting of 1500 men, crossed the Rio Grande at Matamoros, and took up positions at San Patricio, on the Nueces, after exterminating Johnson and Grant's small commands. The other, under Santa Anna, consisting of 5000 or more troops, crossed the Rio Bravo at or in the vicinity of Laredo and marched directly to Bexar.

## Necessary Act

Santa Anna states that he considered it necessary to reduce the Alamo, defended by 183 Texians, before his armies advanced further into Texas. In the reduction of that place the Mexican army sustained about 500 casualties, dead and wounded. The various reinforcements received by Santa Anna while at Bexar probably made up the losses suffered at the Alamo. Hence, for the purpose of this dissertation Santa Anna's strength at Bexar, after the fall of the Alamo, will be placed at about 5200.

The extermination of the Alamo garrison was the signal for a general advance of the Mexican armies. Santa Anna proposed to strike at the right (Urrea's) by way of Refugio, Copano, Goliad, Victoria, and Matagorda, to Brazoria; the left, General Antonio Gaona with 750 men, advancing via Bastrop to Nacogdoches; and the central column,

under the jefe del estado himself, through Gonzales to San Felipe, on the west bank of the Brazos River. Santa Anna originally intended to establish his headquarters at San Felipe.

A map of colonial Texas will disclose that San Felipe was ideally located for such purpose. The river on which she stood was navigable to the gulf, and troops and supplies could be transported up and down the river. Almost every principal land route in South Texas passed through Austin's capital. It is interesting to note that the road leading from San Felipe to Liberty was the top of a pocket formed by the rising arc of the gulf coast and the deep inland-recessed Galveston and Trinity Bays and the Brazos River. A superior force operating above the top of the pocket was in a position to pull the zipper shut on an inferior force caught operating within the pocket. The force operating on the outside of the top had its way of withdrawal secure. It will be seen that Houston constantly maneuvered for position so as to be at all times on the outside of the top of the pocket. Both Santa Anna and Houston regarded San Felipe as being of strategic importance.

## Move Began March 11

The general movement of the Mexican armies began on March 11. On that date Urrea moved from San Patricio towards Refugio, General Antonio Gaona began his march for Bastrop, and Generals Sesma and Woll with 725 men left for Bexar and Gonzales. About the same time Colonel Juan Morales with 500 men was sent to reinforce Urrea at Goliad, as Santa Anna feared the governor would have to attack Fannin in his fortress, which bristled with artillery. After Urrea's attack on Refugio Mission, Santa Anna sent him a further reinforcement of two or more battalions under Colonel Cayetano Montoya. The reinforcement reached Goliad the eve of the Battle of Coleto.

Sesma's central column reached Gonzales the night of the 16th. Captain Dimmitt and his company,

in ignorance of Houston's retreat, crashed headlong into the advancing Mexicans. The Texians were roughly handled and lost many of the horses, but Dimmitt skilfully avoided a disaster. Sesma informed Santa Anna that Houston's strength was thought to be 1300. Santa Anna, on or about March 17, therefore, dispatched General Eugenio Tolsa with two battalions of infantry and 40 dragoons, about 675 men, to reinforce Sesma, who was continuing his slow, cautious march to the Colorado. Sesma's strength was raised to about 1400, when the two units joined on the 24th.

The Mexican president remained at Bexar during these preliminary operations. He was undecided whether to remain in Texas or go back to Mexico. The unexpected surrender of Fannin decided him to leave Texas. Arrangements were made for his departure, and his intention was generally known. Houston was informed of these plans, but did not know of their change until Santa Anna appeared at Old Fort on the Brazos.

General Houston, it may be said, had one of the most efficient military intelligence services that any commander ever had, and he used it to utmost advantage. Deaf Smith and Henry W. Karnes rank with the greatest of American scouts. Many of the colonists had a knowledge of the Spanish language. In the patriot army were numerous Texas-Mexicans, including Captain John N. Seguin, a brilliant and able man. Thus the Texian commander was able to make the most of captured Mexican soldiers and dispatches.

## Scouts Scoured Area

Throughout the campaign Texian scouts scoured the territory between the two armies and fanned out around the flanks. They were as indefatigable as they were capable. The success of the campaign was largely, if not entirely, attributable to the competent military intelligence of the Texian army. Most of the Mexican officers, in after years, commented upon the efficiency of the Texian scouts and

spies, who, they said, seemed to have been everywhere.

On March 20th Karnes scouts contacted a reconnoitering party of Sesma's column at Rocky Creek, about 20 miles from Beason's. They brought in a prisoner who gave valuable information. Sesma, however, acted with discretion. He was informed that the Texian army was probably larger than his own unit, and he loitered in the vicinity of Rocky Creek until Tolsa could come up. He, however, sent out parties to examine the adjacent crossings. Texian scouts reported his proximity and that he might be expected to appear at the Colorado the night of the 21st. A detachment of 100 Texians crossed the river to hinder his advance, but he did not come. On the night of the 22nd Sesma camped within three miles of the river. On the 23rd he appeared at the river in force. Tolsa joined him on the 24th.

It appeared to be Houston's policy to force the enemy to take the lower routes, while he himself took the upper ones. The policy was furthered by the rainy weather, which converted the prairies into quagmires and brought water-courses up to flood-stage. The display of military strength at places already difficult because of natural phenomena seemed sufficient to divert the enemy movement to other places. On the 22nd a detachment of 200 men was sent to Dweese crossing, above Beason's, with orders to defend the passage at all hazards. A smaller detachment was sent to the Atascosita, lower down.

Finding the passage at Beason's barred by the main Texian force, Sesma sent a detachment to Dweese's to seize that crossing. The

attempt was frustrated and three Mexican soldiers were captured by the defenders and sent to headquarters. One prisoner reported that Santa Anna had left for Mexico. Texian scouts about the same time captured two enemy scouts (March 22). Sesma then probed the Atascosita crossing but found it, too, defended. Captain Teal and some regular troops joined Houston's army at Beason's, bringing the strength up to about 700. On the 23rd an express arrived with the first news of Fannin's disaster. He reported that Fannin had been surrounded on the prairie and that the battle was continuing into the night when the expressman took off. Houston had a premonition that that was the last of Fannin. "He is an ill-fated man," he wrote.

## Great Excitement

When the Texian army learned the news of Fannin, there was great excitement. Many demanded to be led against Sesma. Houston then had about as many men as the Mexicans, and seriously considered acceding to the importunities. Reports that Tolsa was within supporting distance of Sesma ended the thought of attack. Hot-headed soldiers, however, refused to perceive the danger of the course suggested by them, berated their general when he declined to fight. Houston felt depressed. He wrote Colonel Rusk, "I have found the darkest hours of my past life! My excitement has been so great, that for forty-eight hours I have not eaten an ounce, nor have I slept." On the 25th Peter Kerr arrived with the first news of Fannin's surrender. Houston, fearing that dissemination of such a report would

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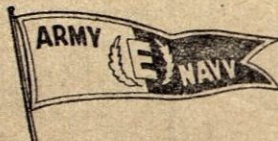


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# San Jacinto

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affect the morale of the troops, had Kerr arrested as a spy and spreader of false alarms, and sent him away under guard.

The contending armies faced each other on the 24th, 25th and 26th. On the afternoon of the 26th Houston abruptly gave orders that camp should be broken at sunset. The soldiers were to light their evening fires at the usual hour to conceal the movement. The army protested but obeyed. At dusk the troops quietly withdrew from the camp, leaving their fires burning. A march was made to a lake in the prairie, a distance of about six miles. There the night was spent, bivouacking without fires, and the army grumbled itself to sleep. Here the commands of Turner, Fisher and Roman arrived, bringing the strength to about 1400.

### Watch Left Behind

Leaving small detachments to watch the crossings and make demonstrations, the retreat was resumed at daylight of March 27. Marquis James in his classic, "The Raven," states: "The first light of morning saw the column pressing on. Staff officers rode up and down, 'Close up, men! Close up!' Major Ben Fort Smith of the staff asked Captain Mosely Baker what he thought of the movement. Captain Baker replied in a loud voice. He thought little enough of the movement, and unless reasons or the retreat acceptable to the army were forthcoming, Sam Houston would be deposed from command before the day was over. The march was so relentlessly pressed that Captain Baker did not find an opportunity to carry out his plan. That night with thirty weary miles behind them, the men were too tired to care. They had covered the whole distance between the Colorado and the Rio de los Brazos de Dios, and were bivouacked a mile from San Felipe de Austin."

The Texian army, after its forced march, camped on Spring Creek, about a mile and a half from San Felipe. On the morning of the 28th units were sent into the town. The men insisted that the general take them back down the river to fight the Mexicans. Houston ignored all demands and insults and went ahead with his dispositions. The general then gave an order which thunderstruck and angered the army; the march further up the river was to be begun immediately. A howl of rage went up. There was a threat not to move. Houston told Hockley, "If subordinates refuse to obey orders the sooner the fact is ascertained the better." He ordered the immediate execution of the order to march. The army sulkily moved off, but Baker and Martin's companies stood fast. Houston, seeing this situation, then ordered Baker to defend the crossing at San Felipe with his company, and Martin to take his company down the river to Old Fort to defend the crossings there. The two insubordinate captains consented to obey his order and departed for their assigned posts on the east side of the Brazos.

### Weather Bitter

The weather was bitter. There had been a drizzle for hours, and the ground was soggy and slick. Late in the afternoon the army began crossing Mill Creek, at a point about three miles above Cummins' mill. As it did so the leaden skies opened and a veritable cloudburst fell on the soldiers who were struggling to get the wagons and teams through the boggy creek bottom.

The officers, including the general himself, labored along with the men in pushing the baggage wagons through the slough of mud. By sunset of the 28th the crossing was over and the army made a camp in the timber. The rain was still pouring down, but the men gathered piles of logs and soon had blazing fires going, by which they thawed themselves and dried their soaked clothing.

The country into which the Texans were penetrating was uninhabited. There were no roads of any kind above Mill Creek, and the 29th was spent in hacking a way through the timber thicket so that the wagons could get through. Only three miles were gone that day. On the 30th the army marched eight miles, camping at Bracey's, near the edge of the Brazos bottom. James says, "On March 31, 1836, he (Houston) halted in a 'bottom' by the Brazos with nine hundred demoralized and mutinous men remaining of the thirteen hundred he had led from the Colorado five days before." The entire distance traversed was only 18 miles, but three "terrible days" had been required to make it. The campsite was near Jard Groce's Ferry, on the Brazos. Here the army remained miserable and grumbling the night of the 31st. Houston received reports that Sesma's column was beginning to cross at the Atascosita, and that San Felipe had been burned. Scouting parties were sent out to watch the movements of the enemy. "Mr. E. Smith (Deaf) is out, and, if living, I will hear the truth and all important news," the general wrote.

The next day, April 1, the general selected a spot in the bottom for a permanent camp. It was an elevated place in a thick growth of timber around a clear-water lake or pond—just off the road to Groce's Ferry.

(To be continued next month.)

### Colonel's Wife Is Camp Hood Private

The colonel's wife is a private. She is Pvt. Margaret G. Murrow, WAC stenographer in the adjutant's office, camp headquarters, at Camp Hood.

The colonel was, in civilian life, Lacey V. Murrow, director of highways in the state of Washington. He was in the National Guard, was an amateur flyer.

Pvt. Murrow is a flyer too, with 35 hours in the air to her credit. Before her trip abroad six years ago, just when Hitler was marching into Austria, she held an amateur flying license.

Colonel Murrow was stationed at Fort George Wright, Spokane, in 1940, as G-4, and his wife did everything she could there to further the winning of the war.

She was in charge of a Red Cross surgical dressing group that sent 50,000 dressings overseas every month. She drove for the motor corps, and spent one day a week in the Red Cross home service section.

After December, 1942, when Colonel Murrow went overseas, she joined the WOOFs—an organization at Spokane for Wives of Officers on Foreign Service. She's still a member.

While she's in the Army at Camp Hood, he is building bridges and landing barges in the South Pacific battle area.

She is one private who writes to a colonel without going through channels.

## 15,000 Texas U. Exes Fighting On War Fronts

Fifteen thousand of the 75,000 ex-students of the University of Texas were in the armed services this year when the former students, formerly or informally, re-pledged their love for the institution on March 2, Texas Independence Day.

It was reunion day throughout the world for those who once attended the university.

When the U. S. fleet's guns spit deadly fire in the Coral Sea, when Rommel was blasted out of the desert sands of North Africa, when snipers were picked off the tangled brush of the Solomons swamps, when sons of the land of the Rising Sun were washed from the atolls of the Marshall Islands—University of Exes were there.

And when Berlin and Tokyo are bombed into shivering unconditional surrender, fightin' Texas-Exes will be there.

Generals, admirals, lowly buck privates and ordinary seamen dropped their differences of rank, and saluted—not each other—but the University, for March 2 was reunion day throughout the world for Texas-Exes.

The University of Texas, a non-military institution before Pearl Harbor, is not only one of the most active training bases for Naval officers and fliers, but is one of the greatest contributors of manpower to the war effort in the country.

Not only have more than 15,000 war workers been trained in the last three years in University technical workshops to speed U. S. war production, but an equal number or more of University ex-students have been sent to fighting combat.

### Emergency Sled

Mountain troops have made frequent use of an emergency sled made by lashing four skids together, but this did not prove entirely satisfactory. Now the Quartermaster Corps has developed a ski-adaptor, a clamp which holds the frames from two military rucksacks to two skis, which form the runners for a sled. The adaptors were first made of aluminum, but with the necessity for conserving that metal, a switch was made to plastic. Now they are being made from the plastic scrap left over from the manufacture of helmet-liners.

### Captured Nazi Arms Studied At Camp Hood

First-hand information on foreign material now is being secured by Tank Destroyer School Weapons and Automotive department men at Camp Hood. Just recently three pieces of equipment captured from the Nazis were turned over to the departments for experimental work and study.

Most interesting to the Automotive men is a German half-track, while Weapons department men are studying a mobile Nazi 88-mm. gun and a towed Russian 76-mm. gun.

Automotive men believe they can put the German half-track in operation, so, in the future, if a German half-track—easily identified by its overlapping bogie wheels—is seen

in camp, don't shoot. It probably will be this vehicle, operated by a TDS crew.

The 88 shows evidence of having been under heavy allied fire. It is badly scarred, and was either set ablaze by an Allied shell or by retreating Germans themselves.

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His story is quite typical of the self-styled "human pack trains" which terminate our supply lines.

Only two days before his death, McDonald told something of the dangerous job, telling of his previous night's trip:

"Each man carried about 35 pounds in his pack—either a case of K rations, C rations, or a five-gallon can of water, mortar shells, grenades, or small arms ammunition. One man out of ten carried a tommy gun or Browning automatic rifle. I carried a BAR.

### 60-Degree Climb

"Between noon and dark, we covered two miles of the winding path around the base of the mountain, and by dark we were headed up the slippery mountain route that rose 60 degrees at many places. One man in the company blazed the trail with white tape so that we could find our way back again.

"Going up that trail," Captain McDonald said, "we were shelled three times. All you can do when you're shelled with a pack of rations on your back is stay where you are and hug the ground. A couple of men had chunks of shrapnel bounce off their packs.

"In the middle of that uphill run," he went on, "it began to rain. It had already rained so much that the trail was full of slime. Each man had to keep the one in front of him in sight, which wasn't easy, because all of us were slipping on rocks on the trail and going knee-deep into mud-filled shell holes."

### "Pale Light—Nazi Outpost"

"When we reached the top of the mountain trail, I saw a pale light for a minute and then decided to steer clear of it. Later, I discovered that the light came from a German outpost.

"At 3 o'clock in the morning,

### ODOROUS PRIORITY

A motor vehicle was stopped by a sentry on guard at a crossroads. "Who goes there?"

"One American major, a one-ton truck of fertilizer and one buck private."

They were allowed to pass. But at every crossroads, they went through the same routine.

After a time, the buck private driver asked if they were likely to be stopped again.

"I guess so," replied the major.

"Well, major," said the private, "the next time we are stopped would you mind giving me priority over the fertilizer?"

One of the funnier stories of the war is about the soldier stationed on Matagorda Island, just off the Texas Gulf coast. The soldier, a corporal, saved \$115 and got a 3-day pass. He arrived back several days overdue, explaining he guessed he must have drunk too much because he had found himself in Chicago.

"But Corporal," his CO asked, "didn't you run into any MPs?"

"Yes, sir," he replied. "Between buses in Tulsa an MP asked me where I was headed for and I told him Matagorda Island. He slapped me on the back and said: 'Good luck, corporal—I sure hope you fellas hold it.'—Camp Polk Communique.

"Sir, may I have the afternoon off?"

"Your grandmother, I suppose?"

"Yes, sir. She's making her first parachute jump."

when our ration train was coming in sight of the 1st Battalion command post, Jerry tried to throw a counter-attack. But the battalion was waiting for it and had already ordered an artillery concentration.

"The counter-attack was driven off by the artillery and mortar fire from the battalion, and our pack train picked itself up and moved into the battalion 'C.P.' A battalion officer led us through the companies, where we dropped off the rations.

"On the way back," Captain McDonald recalled, "it's a little easier, although I've got a doubletime the men around a bend where Jerry is already zeroed in. A few wild ones fly in, but none of them gets us. After we clear that spot, we're feeling better. The men argue with me to carry my BAR, they're feeling so good, but I won't let them. I've never seen men like them."

Captain McDonald's mother, Mrs. Esther McDonald, resides at 610 Delaware Street, San Antonio.

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does not condone killing that neighbor in order to get what that man has worked hard, no doubt, to achieve. Yet you will hear many shallow-thinking people make excuses for the action of our enemies because they were supposed to be the "have-nots."

Let the Church be concerned with the murderers, let loose in the world today, and let the Church be concerned with a just and righteous peace as well as a well planned future. And this can be done—if Christians as one voice speak out now.

### The Church Cares

#### The Church CARES:

The Church cares about those nations which have been wrongfully mistreated.

It cares about Poland, Norway, France and Czechoslovakia and all under the yoke of the invader. And with God's help the Church sends forth her men as the King in the Parable sent forth his army to destroy those murderers.

#### The Church SHARES:

It shares in the spiritual welfare

of the men in the Service. For the Church WILL be kept with the men who are in the Service, through the chaplains, through war crosses and prayer books, through letters and through its prayers it will enter into and share with the men their hardships, their wounds and their sufferings.

#### The Church BEARS:

The Church bears the image and the message of God.

And the Church says to the men in the Service—"Fight with all your might."

We can, we will build a new world and that new world must be fit to live in and fit to live for. And because it bears the image of God and because it knows the future peace of the world can be safe only provided the world follows the lines of Oxenham:

"Only thru me, the clear high call comes pealing,  
Above the thunder of the battle plain.

Only thru me, can earths red wounds find healing,

Only thru me, can this world have Peace again."

## "Donovan"

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vigilant attitude towards the security of our vital installations. I am sure your State will continue to assume its full responsibility in the maintenance of order and the protection of life and property.

"The State Guard is an important force for preserving the security of the State. It should be maintained at an adequate strength and in an excellent state of readiness to accomplish the missions for which it was created."

MP Sentry: "Who's there, friend or foe?"

Voice: "Foe."

MP Sentry: "Corporal of the Guard! What in the hell do I now?"

First Beauty: "That soldier following us—what can we do to discourage him?"

Second Beauty: "Stop and look in this jewelry store window."

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from  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

11 December 1945

To the Men and Women  
of the American Well & Prospecting Company  
Corsicana, Texas

I am pleased to inform you that you have won  
for the second time the Army-Navy Production Award for  
meritorious services on the production front.

You have continued to maintain the high stand-  
ard that you set for yourselves and which won you distinc-  
tion more than six months ago. You may well be proud of  
your achievement.

The White Star, which the renewal adds to your  
Army-Navy Production Award flag, is the symbol of appre-  
ciation from our Armed Forces for your continued and  
determined effort and patriotism.

Sincerely yours,  
*Robert P. Patterson*  
Robert P. Patterson  
Under Secretary of War

**AMERICAN WELL & PROSPECTING CO.**  
CORSCIANA, TEXAS  
December 11, 1945

Honorable Robert P. Patterson  
Under Secretary of War  
Pentagon Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

It is with a feeling of great personal satisfaction that I am  
permitted on behalf of the men and women of American Well &  
Prospecting Company to express to you our sincere appreciation  
of your recognition of our efforts, in securing us the White  
Star to be added to our Army-Navy Production Award flag, which  
we received about six months ago.

The addition of the White Star to our flag will serve as an  
inspiration for our constant and continued efforts in the  
production of war material until the war is won.

Yours very truly,  
*J. E. Patterson*  
J. E. Patterson  
President

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Last May the Gumbo Buster Family of workers was honored with the Army-Navy "E" Award for meritorious services on the production front . . . bombs for the Army, ship parts for the Maritime Commission, pumps and steel castings for the Navy. We were justly proud and, to the last man and woman, Gumbo Buster pledged itself to keep up the pace which brought us that coveted award. We did it, and now comes reward again for meritorious service . . . the White Star for our Army-Navy "E" Flag. Again we are proud, and again we pledge ourselves not only to maintain the high standards upon which these awards were based, but to constantly strive to improve our efficiency in production until victory and the peace are won.

**AMERICAN WELL & PROSPECTING CO.**

CORSCIANA, TEXAS

